

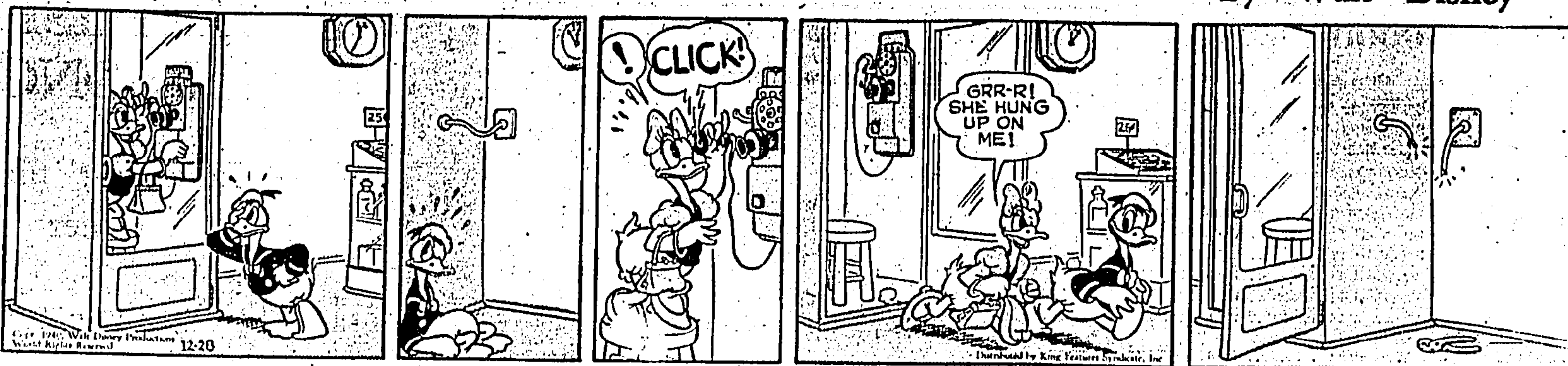
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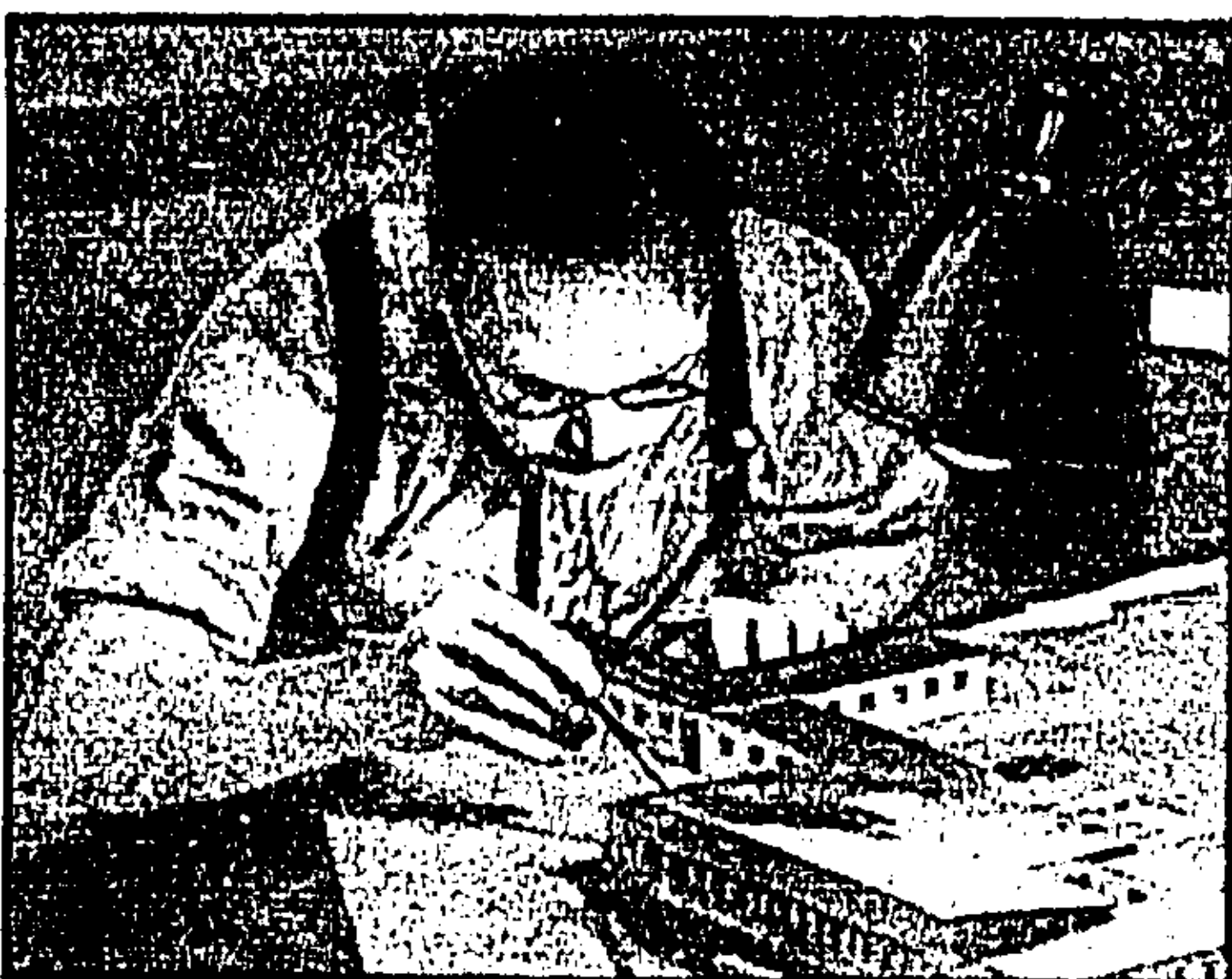
By Walt Disney

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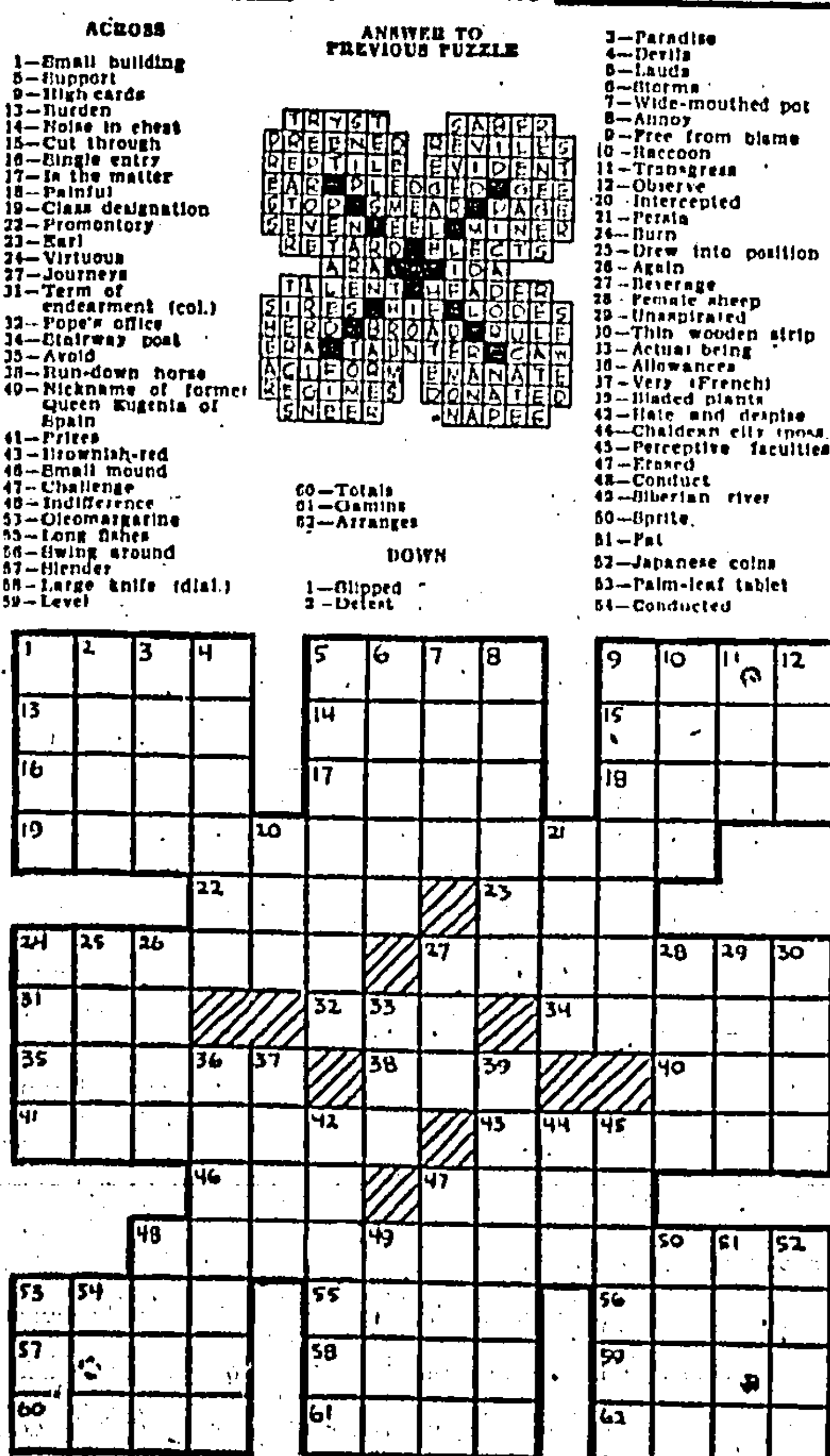
BUILDINGS are never what they appear to be when Mr. Lonsdale Hands has finished with them. Mr. Hands, once an industrial designer, is now Britain's No. 1 camouflage expert. He is seen experimenting with light and shade on a model factory.



M. PADEREWSKI, the famous pianist and former Polish President, with friends on his arrival in Spain. After being detained by Spanish police, he was released to continue his journey to the United States.

Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS



Apology To A Climate

When our gallant English weather
Keeps the bombing plane at bay,
Aren't you sorry altogether
For the things you used to say?
Fog we cursed with cough and weeping,
Ice we called "the plumber's mate,"
Dear old pals, who now are heaping
Coals of fire upon our pate.
Come each kindly gale, and hurry:
Let our climate play its part—
Merry fog, that clears our worry,
And the frost that warms the heart.
L. B. W.

WE SEE THE JOKE

by JOHN GORDON

A Londoner going home the other night found a bomb dropped by a German airman lying unexploded in his flat.

He promptly carried it out. A policeman found him staggering down the street with it in his arms—it was so heavy that he had dropped it once—and with that sense of the due dignity of things possessed by policemen of all nations, arrested him.

A bureaucratic minded magistrate, before whom he was brought, fined the man £100 for his bravery with the alternative that if he did not pay the fine he could go to prison for three months.

The man very properly refuses to pay the fine. And it is not likely that he will go to prison for the sentence has provoked a national outcry.

But whether he goes or not, he has at least given the world some idea of what Londoners think of bombs.

Now do not want to underestimate the air Blitzkrieg. It has been a very horrible and terrifying experience. But it has been far from being unendurable and the way in which Londoners have beaten its terror by adjusting their lives to it, has been among the outstanding episodes of heroism in world history.

The first week of it was the worst of all. All the worst of the damage seemed to have been done in that week. The bombs tore very great gaps in famous streets of the City and the West End. They scared and scared the suburbs and the death roll was heavy, although only a tiny fraction of what we had prepared for.

Since that first week London has not had one night completely free from the bombers. Let in that time a tremendous transformation has taken place. The raids no longer seem like the crack of doom, and the nightly casualty list in the London area has shrunk to a size that would really not put any serious pressure on the ordinary

casualty department of any one of our great hospitals. The lesson we have learned is this. If you take the elementary precaution of taking reasonable shelter, bombs do not harm you.

At first Londoners could not sleep. That is the greatest ordeal of a night air raid until you become used to it. Now most of them sleep the night through comfortably in shelters—many even in their beds—in spite of the noise of our guns, which is far more intense and a far more alarming sound than either the drone of a bomber or the whine of a falling bomb.

In the first days of air raiding, the whole population took shelter immediately the alarm sounded. Now in daylight women continue their shopping and men go on with their work unperturbed. Transport is running almost normally. The civil defence arrangements are so efficient that there has been no extensive failure of any public service.

Our food, our letters and our newspapers come to us just as they have always done. Husbands go to work as usual and come home again at night, if not always with the same comfort and ease, at least with nearly the same regularity.

All this must be a great blow to Hitler and Goering. They do not try now quite so hard as they used to. Their bombers still come regularly, but most days and nights the effort is not what it was. There is a perceptible slackening.

Why that should be so we have not yet decided, but we are rapidly coming to the opinion that there are probably two reasons for it: (1) Hitler is giving us up as a hopeless job and turning his strength to the near East to retrieve his waning fortunes.

The Nazi Air Force has had such a hammering that it cannot stand the pace! There are indications that the second reason may prove to be the real one. One pretty sure sign is that the Nazis are now bringing Italians to help them.

The Nazis have been good airmen, courageous and pertinacious even in the worst

weather, but the Italians are very inferior. Against our Hurricanes and Spitfires they stand no earthly chance. Recently, 80 of them tried a very spectacular daylight dash on London and were simply shot out of the skies. They could not drop a single bomb on England. The Germans were never as bad as that. Obviously the Germans themselves do not rate the Italians very high and I fear the Italians will soon get tired of being used as practice targets for the R.A.F.

We shall miss them when they stop coming. They do no harm and they make an air raid quite an agreeable entertainment.

We are all hoping that one day we shall have among our visitors Count Ciano and Mussolini's two famous airman sons who bombed defenceless Abyssinians with such heroism. But perhaps they are content to rest on their Ethiopian laurels. Somehow we fear they will fight shy of crossing the Channel.

Altogether we are taking a very bright view of our position at the moment. Our air blows at Germany grow harder every day while Hitler's blows at us weaken. The new head of the Air Force, Air Marshal Portal—Portal of the Bombers—has certainly kicked up a dust in his short time as Supreme Commander.

The great raid on Munich, and the spoiling of Hitler's Beer cellar speech, has been our greatest joke since the war began. It made the whole nation roar with laughter, and when the British laugh in a war, they are far more dangerous than when they are grim. We have reached the laughing stage now after many anxious months.

Hitler promised his nation that the Battle of Britain would be over before the winter began. It was his one true prophecy. The Battle of Britain although not ended is practically over. But the end has not been quite what Hitler planned.

One thing concerning the bomb damage strikes every visitor to London. It is the way in which German airmen, obviously acting under orders, have made a dead set at churches, convents and Royal Palaces. So many of them have been hit that the Blitzkrieg has almost taken on the appearance of an anti-God crusade.

That of course no more wins a war than the slaughter of helpless little children and their mothers in suburban streets far from any military objectives. Actually it may be the deciding factor in the extent of the final punishment awaiting Hitler. For it has roused the temper of every Briton to a height that it can never before have reached in our history. There will be no forgiving and forgetting this time.

BOMB OFFER FOR BERCHTESGADEN

HALDERMAN Julius, a book publisher of Girard, Kansas, has written to Mr. Winston Churchill:

"I offer to pay the cost of a half-ton bomb, plus petrol, if you assign a competent pilot to drop it on the Chief Butcher's Berchtesgaden habitat, the scene of Hitler's conspiracies against civilization."

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HONGKONG INDUSTRIES

HONGKONG has had a war on her doorstep for nearly four years and is now participating, financially and industrially, in another conflict thousands of miles away, upon the result of which depends the future of the Colony; yet, far from Hongkong displaying the "jitters", there is ample evidence to show that confidence in its future is greater than ever.

Principal illustration is the rapid development of industry; the Shamshui and Laichikok areas are now alive with Chinese factories, turning out in impressive quantity rubber footwear, torchlights and batteries, hardware, minerals and ores, piece goods and tobacco, to mention but a few. The result has been a considerable increase in export values during the past twelve months, the release of new capital in the Colony, the employment of thousands of additional skilled and semi-skilled workers, the demand for more property, and a consequent impress upon the current prosperity of the place.

It is a significant and encouraging sign; true, a good deal of this industrial development was the outcome of circumstances and not any conscious effort, on the part of the Colony; Hongkong's purpose must be to seize this golden opportunity and to consolidate it. Everything possible should be done to stimulate the new trend. With an eye essentially for the future, industrial planning should become a policy. At the present factories are being built with little or no attention paid to the sites; they are suitable for immediate needs, but in many cases offer little scope for important development in the future.

The New Territories boast many open spaces served by road and rail; here might be established a centralised industrial area; around the factories could be built workers' houses. Hongkong could have its industrial centre, thriving and self-contained. The idea is partly visionary, but indications suggest the desirability of such a plan in the future, and the present appears to be opportune for



WHAT A QUESTION TO ASK

DOUGLAS REED says

- Hitler's diplomacy has failed;
- The R.A.F. is just getting into its swing; the Navy is master of the seas; the Army is improving daily;
- In Albania we have the chance of seizing a big success—quickly.

Why I KNOW We Will Win

I AM convinced we can win this war, and know a dozen good reasons why we cannot lose it.

But if I were a doctor, examining a superlatively healthy man, I should know a dozen good reasons why he should not die, and that still would not help if he walked in front of a motor-lorry.

In Germany, Hitler is creating a New Order for Europe, and Goering is creating a new order for Goering.

Goering's order is a new medal for German airmen, named after Roseheim, his own birthplace. He is its first recipient.

'New Order' Flops

He reminds me very much of Bruce Lockhart's diplomat, of whom it was said that if he got another decoration he would only have one place to put it and he would then be unable to sit down.

What of Hitler's New Order in Europe? So far he has collected three very small tags to the tail of his German-Italian-Japanese kite—Rumania (where his troops are), Hungary (which hopes by this sycophancy to keep them out) and Slovakia, which has been in Hitler's possession for eighteen months, anyway.

But the really big or useful recruits, the ones Hitler wants—Russia, Spain, Bulgaria, Turkey—still stand aloof.

And that brings me to Albania, a word which at this moment should be written on all our leaders' hearts.

Not only the people of this country, who are very staunch in adversity, but, far more, those other wavering and threatened countries, need a British success.

In Albania—the gods—the Greek gods—have sent us the chance of one.

its preparation. Hongkong is exporting its own manufactured commodities more and more; it is not impossible to envisage the time when the Colony's export trade in home-made goods vies with its entrepot business. Enterprise and intelligent planning at this stage may do much to bring this about.

If the Italians can be driven out of Albania into the sea, if their Dunkirk can be turned into a disaster—that is a decisive success in this war.

Smash The Italians

I do not know, as a layman, if there are insuperable objections to the landing of British troops. The danger of a swift German descent on them from the north, of another Dunkirk, is obvious, and the Italian attack on Greece may have been meant to tempt us to such a landing.

But I do know that if we can, from the air and from the sea, give the Greeks now just that extra ounce of punch they need to push the Italians into the sea—that is a major victory. The Italian morale, already heavily burdened by the memory of the headlong retreat at Caporetto in the last war, would suffer a mortal blow.

For the first time one of the two dictators would have been driven from territory cheaply taken in some spectacular Saturday-afternoon swoop!

Not only Mussolini's standing but also Hitler's would be seriously shaken, and all round the Mediterranean men would begin again to look up and look towards us.

Relief For Franco

In Bulgaria King Boris's hand would be strengthened in his lonely struggle to keep his country out of the war.

And in Syria? There French soldiers are already talking of de Gaulle's successes in Central Africa, are already listening eagerly to the news that his emissary, General Catroux, has arrived in the Middle East. Catroux, who as a prisoner of war in Germany in 1916 was kept in a dark cell for three months, is a patriot in the grand French tradition, known throughout the French Empire.

These are the things we might achieve, if we are daring and alert.

The war on our shipping is certainly very serious, as serious as it was in April, 1917, when we were nearer to defeat than ever before; but we overcame it then, and we should be able to overcome it now.

In recent days I have had to watch an American film about the R.A.F., and an American film boasting that only American newspapers now tell their readers the truth, and I have

had to read the story of "The Battle for Britain" written by an American newspaperman who spent ten days here!

It is fantastic to think that historians of the future will find so little about this stupendous incident in our island story in our island press, that they may have to look up foreign newspapers to find the name of cities that were bombed, that the heroism of bomb-disposal squads, firemen, policemen, bus-drivers, and all that unknown legion, will be practically unknown to them.

Our greatest setback in this war, to date, has been in the Battle of Bloomsbury. It is a dreary story.

No Cause For Gloom

We have a good story to tell, and should tell it through the lips of our own people.

But, even in spite of that, when I stand back from the picture of the war and look at it and look at the common people of this country, I should say that the gloom prophets are very wrong when they say we are "virtually defeated."

Our magnificent Air Force is just getting into its swing; our Navy, hard pressed, is still master of the seas; our Army has vastly improved through long training; we need a success somewhere soon, and should be able to find one.

The war on our cities is certainly very serious, but nobody in this country thinks that it can beat us. More serious are the writings of American newspaper correspondents, some of them known personally to me as staunch and stalwart friends of this country.

They have been writing that our censorship "is ominously reminiscent of that which oppressed France before the French suddenly found the enemy marching under the Arc de Triomphe."

And the Americans, at that, suffer far less from the censorship than do the British people, who never had so little information before they acquired one of the most expensive ministries of all time, the Ministry of Information.

Our Other 'Army'

One day, I hope, and I hope soon, we shall begin to organise that "Army of Pre-Occupation" of saboteurs and disintegrators inside Hitler's conquered countries and inside Germany itself which enabled Hitler so quickly and easily to conquer Norway and Holland and other countries.

This is the army which can win us this war, and which our fighting services, our secret service and a real Ministry of Information should now be combining to form.

Our chances of winning this war are good, not bad. The use we make of those chances—well, it is up to our leaders, and a great chance offers unexpectedly in Albania.

ENGLISH IN SONG

★ Educating the- Foreigner

In the far-off days when there was a country called Austria and in it a city called Salzburg where artists congregated for music and drama and the mutual refreshment of talk in the cafes, there was a Viennese singer whose ambition it was to sing English songs perfectly. "But," she said, "they tell me I can never master the English language unless I talk with a pipe in my mouth." Her new-found English acquaintance gallantly rubbed the stem of his pipe on his sleeve and offered it to her, but she was not quite ready to begin practice. Actually she spoke and sang English very well, but there was that roundness of the vowels, that crispness of the consonants, that difficulty in swallowing the weak final syllables in words like "straighten" and "able" which betokens the foreigner. Perhaps the pipe would have helped.

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To-day there are thousands of foreigners in the Empire, allies and friendly aliens who are burning to learn to talk English. We understand that the proper authorities are setting up the proper machinery. They are to be taught by word of mouth and by gramophone records. Soon they may all be speaking like B.B.C. announcers, but will they be talking as English people talk with or without pipes in their mouths? Probably not, and possibly the proper authorities would think it very improper if they did.

But let us leave pipes and come to singing. Their aim is the opposite of the Viennese lady's. She wanted command of the language chiefly that she might sing English songs. Surely singing English songs could help them to get some command of the language for their own purposes.

Consider how much the songs of Schubert, Brahms and others have done for the knowledge of the German language in British countries. No doubt there have been English singers whose singing of Lieder has been admired but who, when they got to Germany, found some difficulty in choosing the right kind of sausages or in explaining to a railway porter exactly what they wanted done with their *Handgepäck*.

A knowledge of lyrical poetry will not give conversational ease in daily emergencies, but if the poetry is joined to a tune written to fit it, it will at least give some perception of the shape and accent of the language. Through singing, pronunciation becomes instinctive, and such knowledge as the singer gains is not merely literary. He learns the language in phrases not in words, and the musical phrases of a well-written song express the character of the verbal phrases. Take Purcell's line: "No, never, no, never intending to visit them more."

It has been translated into German to fit the music as "Auch wenn ich nie wiederseh, wiederseh diesen Strand." The German, as is the fate of translations, lies all across the musical phrase, but the foreigner who has sung Purcell in English will at least know how to say emphatically that he does not intend to do something. Moreover, he will not in future tend to pronounce the words as "never" and "vecesset."

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But teaching the language by song can only be done through good songs. There are too many songs written to English words where the tune is as contradictory of the flow of the words as is the Purcell tune of the German words imposed on it, perhaps more so. But good songs are not necessarily "classical" songs. Think of Chevallier's "If you die an old maid, you've only got yourself to blame." The music-hall, when it was fuller of good specimens than the English concert platform.

English song from the sixteenth century to the twentieth, not forgetting the ageless folk-song, is a rich heritage of the English language set naturally to music which our concert platform singers have neglected reprehensibly. Never mind the concert-hall repertory. Go anywhere, where ordinary English people sing their songs in the way they speak their own language. Pick out a handful of them, put them on gramophone records if necessary, but above all get the foreigners to sing them, not as the international-minded singing teacher teaches them, and it will be odd if the singing foreigners do not get on terms with the language quicker than those who learn from textbooks.

Broken Ex-Premier Gives Self Up To Nazis To See Sick Wife

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—The Royal Netherlands Government announces that it has learnt to-day with a profound sense of indignation that, notwithstanding solemn assurances given to the contrary, Jonkheer Doctor D. J. de Geer, ex-Prime Minister of the Netherlands, has left Lisbon for the enemy-occupied part of the kingdom in Europe.

De Geer, who is 78, was Prime Minister from June, 1939 to September, 1940. He was head of the Government at the moment of the German invasion on May 10 last year and he had an important share in the responsibility for the unanimous decision of the Cabinet to leave the Hague for London with the Queen.

Communism Fear In Japan

Question Put To War Minister

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 6 (Domei).—The House of Representatives Budget Committee to-day unanimously passed the supplementary extraordinary military budget to finance the China campaign for the year beginning April, amounting to ¥4,880,000,000.

Mr Junya Kozumi asked the Army's views regarding the thought problem. He asked whether the Army is satisfied with the present personnel and principles of the National Service Association, charging that the Association's structure considerably resembles the Soviet style.

Aims of The N.S.A.

The War Minister, Lieut-Gen. Hideki Tojo, said that the entire Army is devoted to the prosecution of the Imperial Rescripts and that the Army is supporting the National Service Association because its announced aims are to conform to the spirit of the Imperial Rescripts.

The War Minister pointed out that the Association's aims as set forth by the Premier, Prince Konoye, consist in strengthening the highly efficient national defence structure and enabling all the people to unite as one in performing their duties.

While admitting that the Army depends upon the people for its support, the War Minister urged the necessity of enhancing popular morale to cope with the grave situation and the prolonged Continental campaign. Voicing the Army's concern over the ideological trend of the people, the War Minister declared that the Government would certainly not tolerate any persons espousing Communism or other ideas of acts detrimental to the State.

BOMBAY, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—A further 800 Italian prisoners, including 104 officers, have arrived.

Soon after the resignation of de Geer from the Premiership in September last year, the Government decided to entrust him with a mission to the Netherlands East Indies which would have enabled him to join some members of his family living in that part of the kingdom.

De Geer left England in November last on the express condition that the official facilities granted to him were to serve exclusively for the purpose just mentioned and he himself gave a formal undertaking to that effect. Having learned with deep regret that the former Prime Minister has broken this solemn pledge by returning to occupied territory, the Royal Netherlands Government have the painful duty to make known that they consider de Geer's conduct a breach of loyalty and an act detrimental to the national interests. This unfortunate incident, concludes the announcement, can in no way be accepted as an indication of any change in the firm determination of the Royal Netherlands Government to continue the war against Germany on the side of her British ally until ultimate victory.

Wife Dangerously Ill

It is learned in Dutch circles in London that de Geer decided to go to Holland because he was anxious about his wife's health. It is reported to-night that on arrival in Lisbon, de Geer learned that his wife who has been in Holland throughout the war, was dangerously ill.

A prominent Hollander in London said, De Geer has been feeling advancing age for long time and has been pining for his family. He has grown feeble and frail. In peacetime he was an admirable Prime Minister but he was not the man for such a vigorous task as prosecuting the war.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Markets Close Steady

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, hesitant conditions prevailed at the outset and some marking down of prices occurred, but in the absence of any selling pressure, markets closed more steady.

Industrials, especially tobacco, were dominated by fears of taxation. Oils occasionally were a shade off. Knifles closed steady.

Among foreign bonds, Japanese holdings further hardened. Brazilian and Belgian issues also improved. Wall Street was firm.

Nords Sent To Germany

Royal Property Seized

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Latest news from Norway is to the effect that 100 Norwegian political prisoners are being sent to Germany. Included amongst these is a famous actor, whose only fault was to propose the toast of the Royal Family at a dinner where all the guests, including high German military officers, honoured the toast.

The German authorities have also authorised the confiscation of all property owned by Crown Prince Olaf and his Princess.

Sentenced To Death

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Norwegians have been sentenced to death by the German military tribunal at Bergen, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London.

They were charged with transmitting information about the German armed forces on a secret wireless set.

Commons Interest In Shanghai

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Invited to make a statement on the outbreak of ruffianism in the International Settlement in Shanghai, Mr R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said: "While Mr Eden has some preliminary information on the attempt at arson at the Shanghai Race Club and the bombing of the Special District Court, he is not yet in a position to give a detailed official account of these incidents."

Australian Cabinet Consultation

MELBOURNE, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—In a joint statement after a meeting of the War Council to-day the Acting Prime Minister, Mr A. W. Fadden, and the Labour Leader, Mr J. A. Curtin, declared:—"There is no doubt of the seriousness of the international situation as it affects Australia."

The Council discussed developments in the Far East and called into conference Vice-Admiral Colvin and Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett, Chief of the Australian Air Force.

"The War Council realises the necessity for taking all possible steps and calls on each individual for his maximum effort."



GOOD FELLOWS.—During recent visit to Mexico City, Special Ambassador Henry A. Wallace, right, drinks toast to their two nations with newly-installed President Camacho.

Major Operation By Candlelight in Raid

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Water was boiled on stoves. Instruments, grabbed from the wrecked emergency theatre, were got together, and part of a basement was rigged up for the operation.

The patient, on the point of death, was wheeled into the "theatre" as a fire blazed fiercely not far away.

Now the man is back behind the counter of his little shop in a London suburb.

The only comment on that terrible night he will make is: "The nurses and doctors risked their lives to save mine."

And that is why, he says, St Thomas's Hospital, still carrying on after being bombed four times, can proudly proclaim on its shattered walls: "Down, not out."

That light for life was won immediately after the third and most serious bombing, which put the lighting, heating and hot water services out of action.

Although the patients escaped, two doctors and a nurse were killed.

Torches Useless

In spite of this a major operation had to be performed or the patient would have died.

This is how one of the doctors described this "nightmare": "I was sitting on a bench with four or five others when I saw a vast sheet of flame 20 yards away and heard a terrific explosion."

"For a moment or two after the explosion there was absolute silence. Then there was a babel of talking and shouting. We flashed our torches, but they were almost useless in the dark and smoke."

"A voice shouted: 'Go carefully, everybody—there may be no floor.' Within an hour a new theatre had been improvised."

Safe Cities For Children

Portuguese Initiative

LISBON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—A project for the centralising in Portugal of international efforts to protect children from the consequences of aerial warfare, is to be made officially by the Portuguese Government to all belligerent Powers.

A plan was unofficially put forward recently in the newspaper, "Diario de Noticias" urging the establishment of "safe cities" in all countries at war where children would be guaranteed freedom from bombardment.

"Let us centralise in Portugal and co-ordinate the magnificent work of International Red Cross units," wrote the newspaper. "This generation representing the Europe of to-morrow cannot be held responsible for the bloody conflict now proceeding in Europe. It is a question of saving from the dread and fear and inevitable physical debility of thousands of children—English, German, French, Italian, Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian and Greek without distinction."

Young Germans Moved

MADRID, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Progress in the evacuation of Berlin children to destinations east and south of the capital is referred to by the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper, "A.B.C."

He says that it is hoped that the evacuation will be completed by February 20.

The same correspondent quotes reports that the Pope will send a message to Berlin and London, expressing a desire for more humane aerial warfare.

NEW SWEDISH FACTORY

A new large factory for manufacture of sanitary pottery has recently started operations in Sweden. The factory, which is equipped with four electric furnaces, has an annual production capacity of 8,000 tons. This output will be able to cover entirely the requirements of the Swedish building industry. It is stated, and will also enable a certain export.

Worship In Dimness Of Cave Church

Far below ground, in the maze-like chalk caves of Chislehurst, Kent, where Druids once performed their rites, the sound of a congregation singing a favourite hymn echoed softly round the rocky walls.

People lying in their hundreds on mattresses; in small beds; mothers holding babies, young girls, old men—all sheltering—joined in this evening service from the Church in the Caves.

Beneath a natural dome rising 50ft. or more, those who could squeeze into the little church sang from printed hymn sheets. In the dark recesses where stood the altar, built from chalk blocks, candles flickered. The altar cross gleamed in the dim light.

"Rock Of Ages"

The vicar, Canon J. R. Lumb, led his congregation.

People of East and South London nightly go to the caves for "sleep away from the bombs."

This regular Sunday night service initiated by Canon Lumb has caught on among the Chislehurst cave-dwellers.

Many of them travel from London especially early on Sunday to get a seat in church. Mr J. Longman, of New Cross, said: "It's a strange experience to enter that church when you know that outside bombs are falling and people are dying."

BARBARA HUTTON'S FATHER DEAD

THE death has occurred at Charleston, South Carolina, of Mr. Frank Hutton, father of the Countess Barbara von Houtz-Reventlow, who as Barbara Hutton, inherited the Woolworth millions from her grandparents. The countess was at the bedside when her father died.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Ponies Practise With Full Racing Colours

Star Gallop Of Week-End Endeavour Favoured To Win Rooty Hill Derby

IT WAS EXTREMELY cold last Saturday and Sunday, but there were a few "hot" gallops which could raise the Happy Valley babies from their humble sleep. Just how good the new lot of Australian subscription ponies is in comparison with last year's batch is a matter for conjecture. It should be borne in mind that one must see much faster training times in view of the reduction of the avoirdupois in the weight for inches as per scale.

However, the star gallop of the week-end was the wonderful performance of an Australian subscription griffin, Endeavour, (Mr Wel up) by Don Salatis out of The Belle over the Derby course. The chestnut covered the circuit in 3.01½, romping home in 27½ seconds for the last quarter. With Mr Wel aboard, there could not have been any erratic timing and the six griffins were "chipped" in 34½, 30½, 29½, 30, 29½ and 27½ seconds for the home stretch.

It was a rather extraordinary achievement in view of the fact that he beat his stable companion, Iron Belle (a Derby griffin, costing the owner \$1,750), by a distance. Had Endeavour been accompanied by a faster chaperon who could keep up the pace, he would have eclipsed Viceroy's gallop of 2.59 performed about the same time last year.

Impression Confirmed

THE gallop confirmed what I wrote on January 24 that Endeavour impressed me as a stayer. A most interesting feature of the gallop was that the pony seemed to enjoy the jaunt and he is, of course, now made a hot favourite for the Rooty Hill Derby. Selling Lotteries will be held this evening at the Sports Club and there is no doubt that he will fetch a good price.

The gallop of Endeavour has somewhat thrown Araxy II, Black Seal and Sydney Diamond into the shade, but I think the last named will get a place in the big finale.

Middle Distance Runs

OF the middle-distance performances, A Surprising Time, by The Joker, surprised me when she galloped the championship course of 1¼ miles in 2.28½ with a last quarter of 29½ seconds, but it was a pity that she did not have some pep at the finish. There is plenty room for improvement.

The run of Never-Never (Mr Needa) and Corriedoo (Russian boy) over 1¼ miles was clocked in 2.32½ and a note should be kept that the former won by many lengths. I expected that Never-Never would have put up a better finish than 29 seconds for the home run, but the mare disappointed a host of rail birds.

Vitamin M., with the champion jockey up, was given a sharp spin over the mile and it took 1.58½ for the circle, finishing the last quarter in 27½ seconds. The last half mile was run in 55½ seconds, and that was some going.

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Fewer Bad Starts At Annual Meeting Likely

WATCHING THE BARRIER practices of the China and Australian subscription griffins of this season in preparation for the Annual Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, to be held at Happy Valley in a fortnight's time, has refreshed my memory.

I REMEMBER WRITING about a year ago in my racing notes that despite all gate practices, griffins in their maiden outings at the annual big meeting were generally overawed at the starting post by the variegation of racing colours and the presence of large crowds, with the result that it was not unusual to see some good 'uns being badly off or left.

Now the writer is glad that this important matter has had the consideration of a majority of owners, for lately there has been quite a good number of ponies practising at the starting gate with full racing colours.

Space does not permit me to enumerate a list of these hot favourites that were badly left in their maiden outings, and furthermore it will certainly serve no purpose.

Better Starts Certain

Judging from the gate practices which I have seen in the early morn-

ings, there is good and sound reason to predict that the chances of a "poor start" or a "badly off" will be greatly reduced at the coming Annual Carnival.

Shying is undoubtedly a very dangerous vice for a horse to indulge in. A horse will very often shy suddenly at something, which he has not seen before, owing to defective vision or natural nervousness and therefore the best remedy is to get it familiar with colours.

It will, of course, pay all owners to follow this lead, which will not cost them a cent, I am sure that there will be fewer moans about having bad starts.

Austral Derby An Open Event, Experts Agree

THE AUSTRAL DERBY confined to a special class of griffins imported by the Jockey Club seems to be very open and this opinion has also been expressed by many competent judges of horse-flesh.

It will be recalled that Mr. Eu Tong-sen paid the highest price, namely, \$8,100 for a brown mare, Gloaming, which has not shown the true value of a progeny by Dignus out of Lady Mecca. Last Sunday the mare was given a test over the Derby course and Mr. Eu's candidate was accompanied by two amahs in Too Hot and Rose Jane. She went round the circuit in 3.08 with 31 seconds for the last stanza. That was surely not a grand show. It is, however, rumoured, that Gloaming will be kept over for next year. It appears to me that Fleetwing is a better animal than Gay Fox.

Of the Vixens, Distant View (which cost \$9,000) by Farr will no doubt be Mr. Li Lan-sang's challenger for the Blue Riband, but there is nothing special in a theory that can put him in the front rank.

Not Yet At Best

STARLIGHT (bought by Mr. Moller for \$5,300) has not as yet shown his racing power, but I certainly like the animal which is a descendant of Caravel by Cicero (son of Cyllene). It has the making of a fine galloper and a Derby candidate. As Mr. Noodt is now in the Colony, I expect the bay will be fully extended to-morrow.

King's Welcome belongs to the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, who owns the Dynastie stable. The chairman of the Club has also an interest in Marsh Warbler on joint account with Mr. H. R. Sturt. Of the two youngsters, I prefer the handsome pony, though the trial test of King's Welcome (3.05½) over 1¼ miles proved to the contrary. Marsh Warbler (3.00) has a better action than King's Welcome for a distance run and I sincerely hope to confirm this in a fortnight's time.

Of Mr. S. W. Lee's outfit, I am of the opinion that Vis Major by Mr. Clever is the cream of the string with Nominee Poenne as the second best. Mr. Li Po-chun has three candidates, but he has only nominated A. Happy Time for the Austral Derby and the other two are to come under the category of "N.B.G."

Canberra, First Love, Hascossay, National Courage, The Nineteenth Hole and Tropical Love are, in my estimation, good middle distance runners.

A Happy Time, Colonna, Green Diamond and Iron Belle are the property of Colugo. It looks to me that Colonna is the best of the lot.

Taking everything in the balance, my best six for the Rooty Hill Derby are Distant View, Fleetwing, Marsh Warbler, Starlight, National Courage and Vis Major.

SOFTBALL TEAM

The following will represent Cyclone Softball team in their League match against Hongkong Baseball Club on Sunday at Kowloon Football Club at 3 p.m.:
R. Razack (Capt.), A. H. Abbas, A. R. Abbas, M. D. Hassan, A. R. Markar, A. Markar, A. A. Hummadi, M. Hummadi, K. Alvi, M. Alvi, P. Pineda, A. Baker, S. Dux and A. M. Omar.

Badminton Titles

Entries Now Invited

The fourth annual Open Badminton Championships of the Colony, namely Men's Senior and Junior Singles, Men's Senior and Junior Doubles, Women's and Mixed Doubles, will shortly be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Badminton Association, and entries are now invited for these events.

All members of clubs affiliated to the Association are eligible to compete, while any resident of the Colony is eligible to compete, providing he or she complies with Rule 3 (c) of the Association's rules. Such competitors shall pay \$2 affiliation fee in addition to the entrance fees imposed for the various events. Entrance fees will be \$2 per entry for Men's Senior and Junior Championships and \$4 a pair for Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles events.

Entries close on Saturday, February 15, and must be sent together with entrance fees to Mr. M. Talan, American Lloyd Travel Service, Shell House.

Neutral Courts

Courts for all matches will be neutral and will be arranged by the Championship sub-committee. Matches must be played on the dates appointed by the sub-committee, except in cases where permission for postponement has been given by the sub-committee.

A match in all of the events shall consist of the best of three games, each game of 15 aces up. The winners of all matches must send in the results of those matches, accompanied by the umpire's signature, to the Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Badminton Association, not later than 48 hours after each match.

The make of shuttlecock to be used in all championship matches will be determined by the Association, and only such shuttlecocks shall be used. Three shuttlecocks per match will be provided for, but they must be returned to the Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Badminton Association at the conclusion of the matches, whether all have been used or not. Contestants will be responsible for providing shuttlecocks for any match in excess of the three allowed by the Association. Partners in the various doubles events need not necessarily be members of the same club.

Any dispute which may arise must be referred to the Executive Committee who will decide on all such matters.

INTEREST IN DERBY WANING

Cire Stable Should Sweep The Board

THE HONGKONG DERBY, which was at one time the most exclusive classic event for China pony griffins, does not seem to attract much interest save that everybody knows that the Shanghai challenger has the best string.

I still maintain that Lovelight will be Mr. Noodt's mount and that Mr. Moller is going to sweep the board with the griffin events.

A few gallops, which came under my observation, might be of interest to punters. I saw Eve of Grandeur the other morning covering 1¼ miles in 2.42 flat, finishing in 31½ seconds and the last mile was run in 2.08 which was not too bad for a China mare.

Oolong went over the same course in 2.47½ with 30½ for the home stretch, but the last mile was covered in 2.12½. These two griffins should be considered for minor placings.

Charlesber owned by Mr. Bradbury is, in my opinion, the only sound contender in his stable; the rest are dotty.

Late arrivals such as Forty Six, Iron Beauty, Marvellous Scheme, Night Express, Quick Step, Raconteur, Sun's Choice, Sand Trap, Sea Fawn, Standard Express, Wonderful Scheme and World Fair View may be "ready" for racing at the Easter Meeting.

52 Indian Air Force Pilots

On Active Service

THE Defence Secretary, India, recently informed Raja Yuvraj Datta Singh in the Central Assembly, that there were now 52 Indian Air Force pilots on active service.

Two service training schools had been established in India for the training of Indian Air Force pilots; in addition, the Civil Aviation Training Scheme had been launched to provide elementary flying training for 300 pilots a year for two years.

Mr. Williams told Mr. V. V. Kulkarni that approximately 620 candidates were to be selected for emergency commissions in the Indian Army during the remaining months of 1940. He added that the number of candidates selected up to October 1, 1940, was 1,997. Quotas allotted to military districts in proportion to the number of suitable candidates reported to be available.

Man's Coat In Wife's Room

Evidence In Divorce Suit

A husband who took the corespondent's jacket to his solicitors as evidence was granted a decree nisi by Mr. Justice Hodson in the Divorce Court recently.

He was Mr. Walter John Newman, an aircraft draughtsman, of Balmacraig-avenue, Neasden, and he accused his wife, Winifred Dorothy, of adultery with Mr. Thomas F. Lynam, of Belling-broke-road, West Kensington. The charge was denied.

Mr. Justice Hodson said that after Mr. Newman left his wife at the end of 1939, he suspected that Mrs. Newman had a man at her house. At 6.30 a.m. he entered by the back door, went into his wife's bedroom and found Lynam there.

The husband did not wake up the pair, but he took away Lynam's coat containing the evidence of his identity. Mr. Newman was given custody of his three children and also costs against Lynam.

Northern "Crack" Riders Invited To Participate

A LITTLE NEWS about the jockeys will, I am sure, not be out of place at this time.



Mr. R. B. Moller
he will not ride.

R. B. MOLLER, the crack jockey of Mr. Eric Moller's family, will not be seen in the saddle on account of the new scale of weights which he cannot draw, but Mr. F. Noodt will be riding the Cire's stable with Mr. C. B. Moller as the second string jockey. As a matter of fact the latter two are already here.

SO is M. M. Sokoloff, who will be piloting Mr. S. W. Lee's string of lovely animals. This veteran jockey was here in 1931 in the interest of Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar, and rode Tanna to victory in the Black Rock Stakes, Elliot Bay in the Consolation Stakes and Glencagles in the "All Out" Stakes.

NOODT is well known in racing circles. His last visit was in 1932 for Mr. A. M. L. Soares, piloting Flying Tourist to victory in the Trial Plate, Doctor's Mandate (owned by Messrs Lewis and Tinsley) in the American Club Cup and Manna in the Randwick Plate.

D. G. WOO, who arrived last week from the north, is a new comer and it is learned that he will be riding the stable named L.C.L., owning Hawlin Love, First Love and Tropical Love. He will also ride for other owners.

PETER WEI may not be looking after the "Times" ponies as the owner, Mr. Li Po-chun, has invited his usual jockey, Mr. J. Pote-Hunt, to come down. However, I understand that the Shanghai rider cannot make the trip.

V. V. NEEDA will be up on Mr. Poy to look after Mr. Eu Tong-sen's outfit.

THE champion jockey will have his hands full with the Dynastie lot, the Hongkong Bank (Japan's) ponies and the Australian subscription pony, Vitamin M., belonging to S.S., and it looks as if Mr. Donald Black is going to have a good meeting.

JAPAN WINTER GAMES

Sapporo, Hokkaido, Feb. 5. Despite a rising temperature which made conditions far from ideal, the first day's contests in the winter sports meet of the 11th National Athletic Meet were successfully held here today, ending in Hokkaido teams annexing four championships.—Domet.

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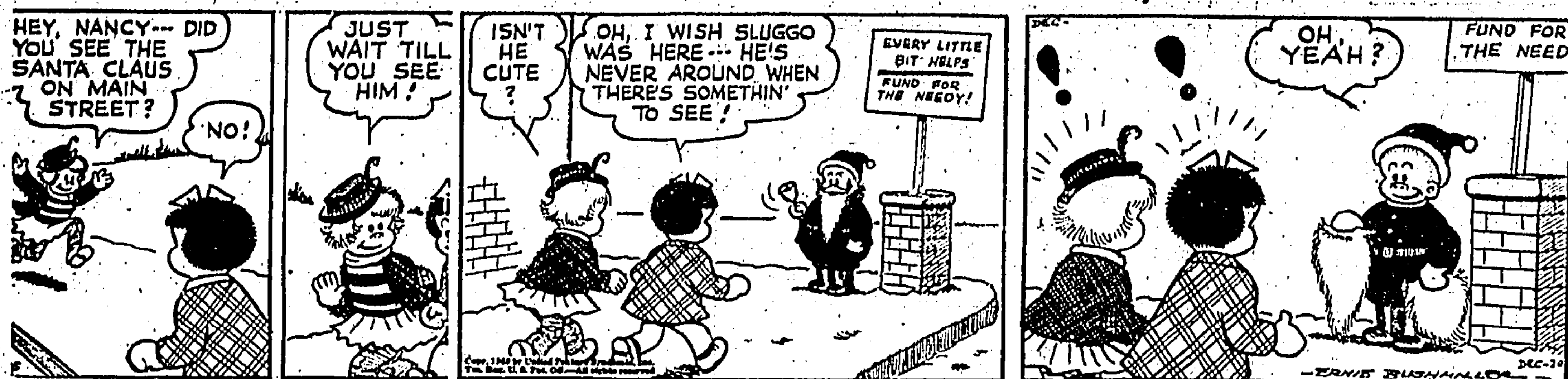


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The following are the signatories to a letter to the Acting Governor presenting the money for a mobile canteen to be used in Britain, and H. E. the Acting Governor's acknowledgment of the gift.

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The Governor's Reply
Government House, Hongkong,
February 6, 1941.
Gentlemen,—I have this morning been handed the letter from you which accompanies a cheque for \$18,500 destined to purchase a mobile canteen for the people of England rendered homeless by bombing.

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I should like to add that I am aware of the part taken in this matter by the Honourable Mr M. K. Lo, himself a prominent contributor, and to express my appreciation for his initiative in making the suggestion to which you have all responded so promptly and so handsomely. Believe me, gentlemen, Yours very gratefully, (Sgd) E. F. Norton.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: Following the slight selling pressure during the week, enquiries were in evidence to-day from bargain hunters.

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Lands	\$34.25
Trams	\$17.00
Lights "O"	\$8.10
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Electricity "N"	\$39.75
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Constructions "N"	\$0.00

The Kowloon Golf Club annual dance will be held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow night.



SUCCESSFUL—Leader of successful British drive against Italians in western desert of Egypt is Lieut. General Henry M. Wilson, commander in chief of British forces there. He is 59, stands 6 foot in height.

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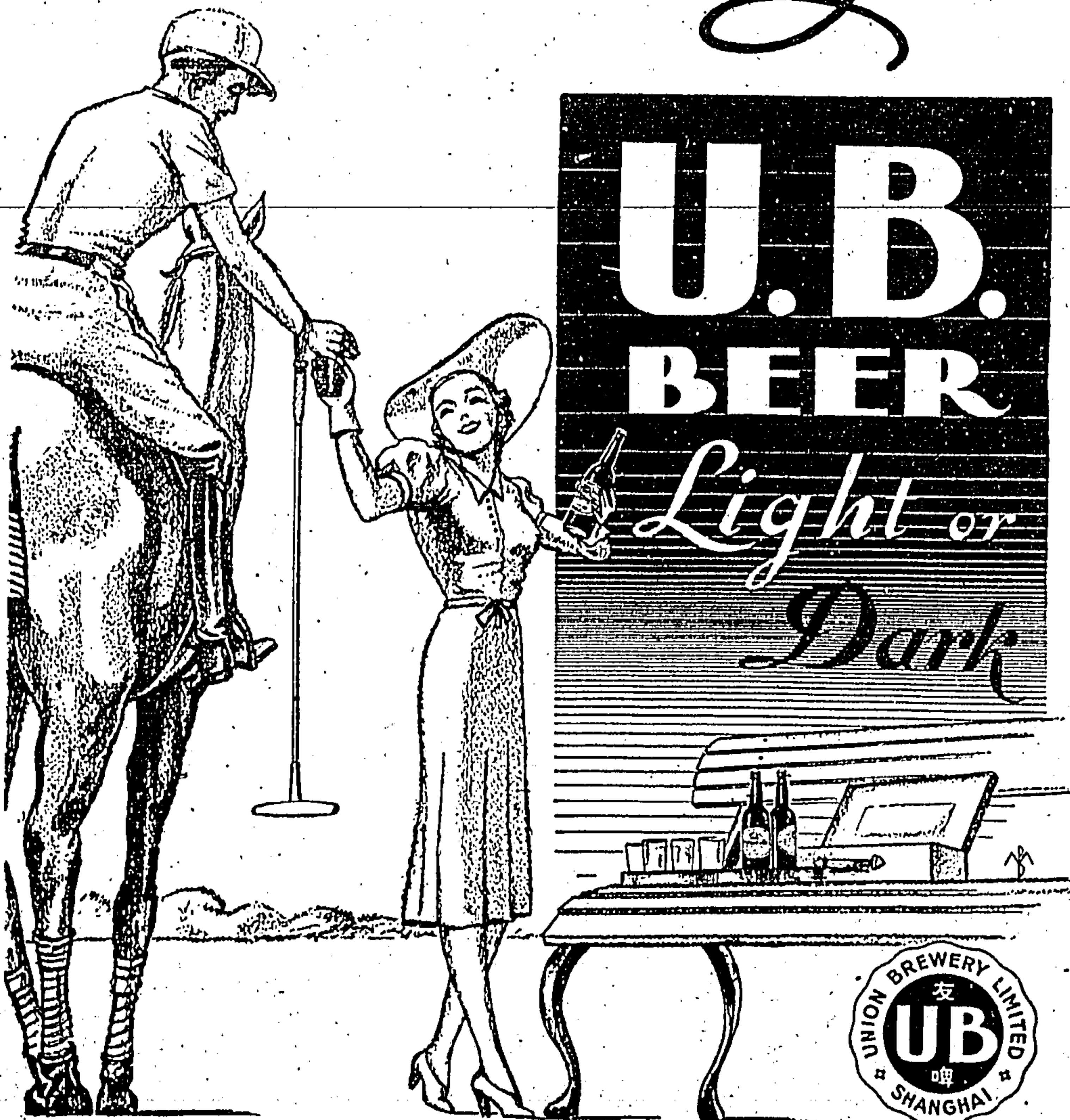
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MILLIONS of pounds are being collected by insurance companies in Great Britain through policies on which holders are unable to keep up payments.

A number of companies are offering to loan the policy-holder the amount of the premium for the duration to prevent policies lapsing.

An interest rate of five per cent. is charged, though one of two firms are asking six per cent.

As there is no risk about the loan these rates are thought in some quarters to be excessive.

The policy itself is the security, it is pointed out. Government loans carry only one per cent interest, and National Defence Bonds 2½ per cent.

Think It Fair

"We think five per cent for premiums loaned is a fair rate of interest," an official of a large insurance company said.

"We have to pay income tax on these loans, and the policy-holder who gets the loan obtains a rebate on his income-tax."

"We are always anxious to deal sympathetically."

Among the worst hit are men, formerly in good positions, who have been called up.

Eire Fears Bombing

Evacuation Plans

DUBLIN, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—The Government of Eire is arranging for the voluntary evacuation of children from Dublin city and Kingstown Borough in the event of a situation arising which would render such a course advisable.

The scheme covers families whose incomes do not exceed £300 a year, but all persons who intend to evacuate, whether they come within the government scheme or not, have to register.

The scheme will be put into operation only if and when the Government decide that safeguarding the lives of women and children is absolutely necessary.

Lindbergh Overawed By Germany

FROM PAGE ONE

our security in the success of foreign armies and the removal of power from the representatives of the people in our own land.

"It makes a great difference to us who wins the war in Europe, but I do not believe it is either possible or desirable for us in America to control the outcome of European wars."

Any American effort to maintain bridgeheads in England and the Philippines is an "audacious undertaking." The United States is not prepared for war or an attempt to hold control of the present war.

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—The Board of Reuters, Limited, have appointed Mr Samuel Storey, M.P., Chairman of the Company.

LATE NEWS



ADMITS HE WAS SPY — Heinrich P. Fassbender, 23-year-old German, who admitted to Un-American Activities committee in Chicago, according to Chairman Dies, that he was engaged in military espionage in U. S. as German agent.

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DISASTROUS ITALIAN DEFEAT ON ALBANIAN FRONT: HEAVY LOSSES

ATHENS, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—The violent Italian counter-attack launched yesterday on the central front has ended in a disastrous Italian defeat, according to the Athens radio to-night.

The enemy throw many troops and a considerable number of tanks and armoured cars into the battle in an attempt to break through the Greek lines. The Italians were pushed back behind their base lines and their losses in men and material were heavy.

BRITISH WINGS OVER AFRICA

Five-Front Operations

CAIRO, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—A heavy air attack on Maritza aerodrome in Rhodes, the chief island of the Italian Dodecanese group, marked the extension of the R.A.F. Middle East Command activity on Tuesday night.

WINANT AMBASSADOR TO U. K. Nominated To Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—Mr John Winant has been nominated United States Ambassador to London. The President sent his nomination to the Senate this morning.

Mr Winant, who came into prominence in 1934 when he was Chairman of a committee to inquire into a strike in the textile industry, has specialised in labour problems for many years.

He was appointed Assistant Director of the I.L.O. in 1935 but a few months later he returned to America to become one of President Roosevelt's close collaborators in the administration of the New Deal as Chairman to the Board to administer the Social Security programme. He became Director of the I.L.O. in 1938.

After the collapse of France, he transferred the I.L.O. headquarters to McGill University, Montreal.

Gauss Nominated
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—The President has nominated Mr Clarence Gauss, Minister to Australia, to be Ambassador to China in succession to Mr Nelson Johnson.

Petain Receives Leahy
LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—Marshal Petain to-day received Admiral William Leahy, the United States Ambassador, according to a Vichy message to the official German news agency.

Join Army & Navy
LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—Radio stations in unoccupied France to-day urged young Frenchmen to join the Army. This followed the recent appeal to young men to join the French Navy.

Britain To Win Air War As Prelude To Victory

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—"Britain must win the air war as a prelude to victory," declared Air Commodore Goddard in a broadcast to-night.

He added that the recent lull meant that the German air force had been having difficulties. We had got through the winter pretty well. Over 480 enemy aircraft were destroyed in the last two months.

The ratio of British successes to losses in December and January was three to one. Forty enemy planes—most of them the much vaunted Ger-

Several tanks and four armoured cars were destroyed. The Greeks have established themselves firmly in new positions.

The announcer added that operations on the Albanian front yesterday were satisfactory in all areas. On the mountain ranges beyond Klisura, Greek forces are now consolidating their recent gains and are organising new positions in view of the extensive operations which may be expected when the weather improves.

Greek artillery is active in the northern sector but bad weather is hampering the Greek advance, while in the coastal area some headway has been made.

Day Free of Raids
ATHENS, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—A G.H.Q. communiqué states that there has been limited activity of patrols and artillery.

An enemy tank attack has been repulsed. Greece had another day free of raids, adds a Ministry of Public Security communiqué.

Dump Blown Up
LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—"Reuters" special correspondent on the Albanian frontier states that Greek long-range guns near Pogradetz have blown up an Italian munition dump north-west of Lin, on the shores of Lake Ochrid.

SOUTH EXPANSION SCHEME Repeated in Diet Committee

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 6 (Domel).—Japan's economic "life-line" lies to the South, Mr Naoki Hoshino, Governor of the Board of National Planning, told the Lower House Committee this morning expounding the objective of the new national economic structure.

Mr Hoshino held that the proposed co-prosperity sphere embracing Japan, China and Manchoukuo could not succeed unless "the eastern portion of the South Seas" was included. Pointing out that world powers are entering into a new period of isolationism through the development of bloc economy, Mr Hoshino asserted that establishment of a common economic system through Japan, China and Manchoukuo was "essential to the maintenance of our national prestige."

He declared that this bloc could not operate without the inclusion of Eastern South Seas in it and deplored that some countries "do not understand what creation of a co-prosperity sphere signifies."

Asserting that appropriate measures would be taken against these countries in order to achieve the creation of this sphere, Mr Hoshino declined to elaborate this saying that he was "not at liberty to state here as it is closely related with diplomacy, military and other matters."

Free French Chief In-Hongkong
M. de Chompre, head of Free Frenchmen in the Far East, arrived in the Colony yesterday to organise the local movement en route to other parts in the Far East where he will carry out similar functions.

The new official designated by General de Gaulle, was formerly Vice-Consul in Tientsin but he resigned his post to throw in his lot with the allies.

NEW CRUISERS NAMED
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (UP).—The Navy Department to-day announced that President Roosevelt has named six new cruisers the Philippines, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Samoa, Guam and Alaska, thus honouring American territories and insular possessions.

In London To-day

This has now become a typical scene in London, where women are more and more taking over jobs which in pre-war days were filled by the men. Here we see a woman bus conductor being initiated into her work under the tolerant eye of a male colleague.



Army Of Coolies To Test Local Air Raid Shelters

The ventilating system of the air-raid tunnel shelters will be subjected to a test by Government within the next ten days when between 2,000 and 3,000 coolies will be accommodated in the shelter opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Queen's Road, and will remain there for three hours under actual air-raid conditions.

Invaders Lose Heavily In Honan Hostilities

CHUNGKING, Feb. 6 (Central News).—Heavy assaults were made against the Japanese falling back from Siping to Suling on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in south Honan. Up till yesterday morning approximately 2,000 Japanese were killed.

Indians Excel In Eritrea

Familiar War Terrain
NEW DELHI, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—Details of the line work of Indian troops in Eritrea now available here show that Punjab, Garhwal, Baluch and Frontier Force regiments fought throughout in the battle resulting in the occupation of Barentu.

The occupation followed a five-day battle fought by an Indian brigade through a narrow gorge and a ten-day battle fought along the Alcolat-Barentu road by another brigade. With their experience of mountain warfare, the Indian troops excelled themselves in the difficult country round Barentu, resembling the North-West Frontier, forcing the enemy to retreat from their mountain positions at the point of the bayonet and repulsing numerically superior attacks.

Indian troops are among those now advancing from Agordat to Keren.

Thousands Of Americans Now Serving In Britain

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—Thousands of Americans have come here in Canadian uniform, declared Mr Robert Hutchison, President of the American Eagle Club, speaking at an American Chamber of Commerce luncheon in London to-day.

He thought that there were 7,000 or 8,000 Americans in service in Britain.

Mr Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, speaking at the same luncheon, said: "I feel that I may look forward with confidence to the day when I shall know of the speed and scale of American shipping assistance."

Mr Cross recalled that recently he told American journalists that he had cast a covetous eye on the enemy ships tied up in the ports of America. He added, "The song and dance which then emanated from Berlin had for me high entertainment value because of its bogus quality. I would only say now that the ships are still there and that I still have an eye on them and that I am still capable of that little spiritual delinquency to which I have already confessed."

All Is Quiet On H.K. Border: No Influx Of Chinese Refugees

Reports from the Sheung Shui to Shataukok border posts this morning revealed that the recent sorties by Japanese naval and land forces have been carried out with no effect on the land border position.

The Japanese have been in occupation of the Chinese half of Shataukok for months. No fresh activity has been discerned along the border.

Manoeuvres Not Visible
The result of the Japanese movements has been to pinch the routes covered by Chinese entering free China along the sea coast several miles east of Shataukok and the manoeuvres are taking place beyond the hills at Shataukok and out of sight of that post.

It is likely that the busy traffic that has passed this post of recent months will cease if the Japanese remain in possession of the points occupied, but it is recalled that they have previously entered the area, "mopped-up" and retired leaving the Chinese to return and live there. No influx of refugees is reported.

Japanese Claims
CANTON, Feb. 7 (Domel).—The Japanese surprise actions in south-eastern Kwangtung have already yielded tangible results following occupation of Tamshui in Blas Bay and Shanyueh in Mira Bay.

The booty which has so far been taken by the Japanese includes 7,200 drums of gasoline, 1,300 drums of petroleum, 3,000 drums of kerosene, 300 drums of motor-oil, 1,500 tons of wood oil, 1,500 motor-car tyres, 500 tons of salt, two tons of tungsten, 2,600 tons of antimony, 5,000,000 cigarettes, 360 tons of cotton cloth, 10,200 pairs of canvas shoes, 10,200 pairs of rubber boots, 1,000 cases of tea, 1,000 kilograms of gun-powder, 15,000 pieces of timber and many quantities of arms, ammunition, clothing, provisions and transport materials.

On K.-C. Railway
CHUNGKING, Feb. 6 (Central News).—A Japanese column pushing northward from Shumichun to Pingwu on the Chinghai-Kowloon Railway has been deflected eastward following Chinese interception, according to a military report.

This was revealed by Mr B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions, at a Press interview this morning.

Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., was unable to preside as he is indisposed.

Air Raid Wardens will be on duty during the test, seeing that the people are properly accommodated, and doctors will be posted by the Medical Department to examine the physical reaction and condition of the coolies during their stay in the shelter.

The construction of tunnel and pen-shelters is progressing steadily and an inspection by some tunnels will be made on Monday afternoon by members of the Legislative and Executive Councils.

Mobile Exhibitions
Since it began its tour of the Colony on January 21, the A.R.P. mobile exhibition has attracted large crowds of the general public wherever it has been, and the A. R. P. Department have every reason to believe that the public have benefited by the exhibition, which demonstrates the proper method by which a room in a house may be blacked-out.

A private showing of this exhibition will be given before the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, in the grounds of Government House, on Monday.

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Rome Appeal Reported

Evacuation Of Colonists

London, Feb. 6. With his Abyssinian Empire in jeopardy from the British invasion and the patriot rising in the interior, it was reported last night that Mussolini had sent Count Volpi, his former Finance Minister to negotiate with British interests for the evacuation of about 200,000 Italian colonists, states the Daily Telegraph. This, it adds, is the first intimation that Rome now realises the utter hopelessness of the Italian situation in East Africa.

The message last night, which was from a neutral correspondent at Vichy received via New York, stated: "According to reliable information Count Volpi stopped here last night on his way to negotiate for the evacuation of Italian colonists settled in Abyssinia since the Italian conquest in 1935. Senor Jose Felix De Lequerica, Spanish Ambassador in Vichy, is reported to have acted as intermediary for the Italian Government through the Vichy authorities.

"As a corollary to Count Volpi's mission the French Government has requested the French managers of the Franco-Abyssinian railway between Addis Ababa and the Port of Djibouti, in French Somaliland, to resume its activity. The railway ceased operations when Italy entered the war last June. Damage done by R.A.F. attacks on the line is to be repaired as soon as possible.

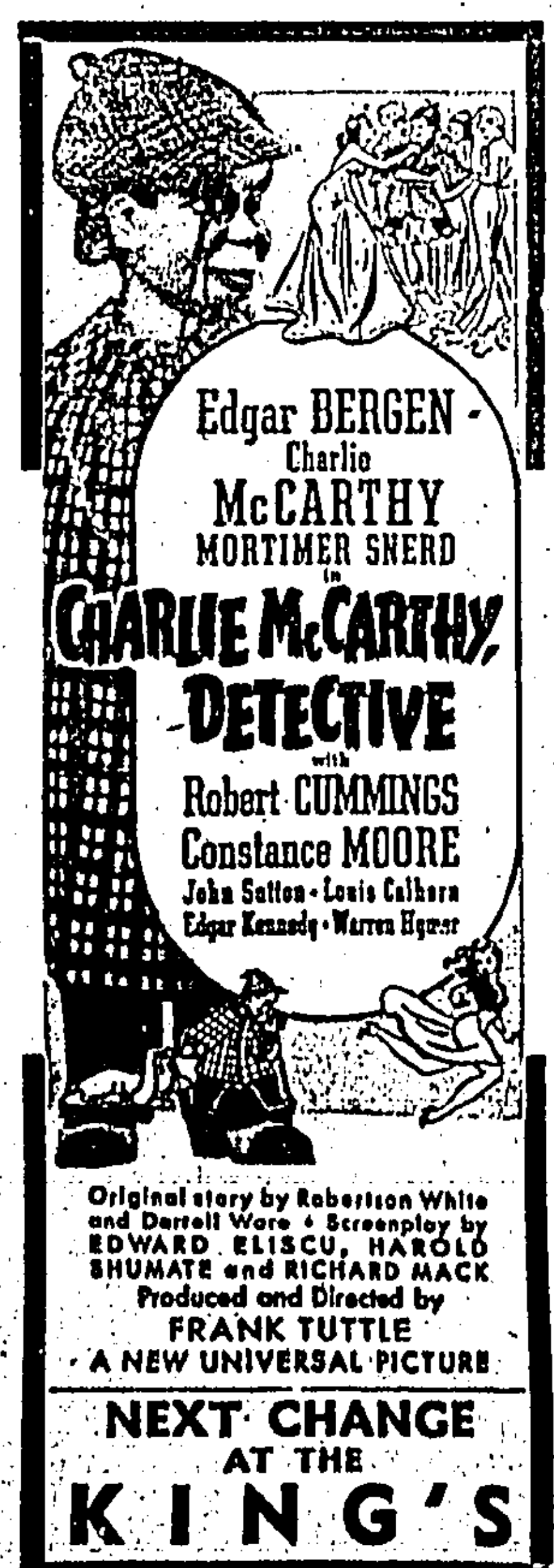
"Count Volpi lunched with a certain high French official here on Saturday and it is believed that they discussed the question of using the railway for evacuating Italian refugees.

Count Volpi's ability as a negotiator on economic and political matters is universally recognised. It is believed that the negotiations with British interests will take place on neutral soil—either in Spain or Portugal."—Reuter.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th to TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1941.

NOTICE

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China Strong As Ever

War Situation Assessed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (UP).

In a speech here to-day, the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Hu Shih, stated that after 43 months of fighting, "China is as determined and as strong as ever, while Japan is becoming weaker; the whole international situation seems to have turned in China's favour."

He declared that the disbanding of the New Fourth Route Army was essential for military discipline.

He asserted that Japanese losses in killed and permanently disabled was about 1,000,000 men.

The Japanese financial position is weakened, but he declared, "there is no possibility of internal revolution in Japan, just as there is no possibility of an internal revolution in Germany. The people are too tame and too well trained."

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Variety.

Vocal—Chopsticks (Lawrence, Daniels); Tai Hu Wa-Hu-Wai (Hawailian War Chant—Noble). The Merry Macs with Instru. Acco.; Duologue; Getting a Wife Scene from "Our Betters"—W. Somerset Maugham; Constance Collier and Ronald Squire; Vocal—The Parson of Pudding (Newman); Stanley Holloway with Piano; Orchestra and Vocal—The Big Broadcast—Selection—Debroy Somers Band with the Carlyle Cousins and Dan Donovan; Comedian—The Empire Party Song (Sarony); The Flat Fish (Sarony); Leslie Sarony with Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Gerald and The Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

2.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A Programme of Early Italian Music.

Presto (from Sonata in A Major—Scriabin); Violin Concerto in C (Vivaldi); Jean Fouquet (Violin) and Orchestra; Sonata in G Major (Scriabin); Myra Hess (Piano); Concerto A Quatre, No. 5 (L'Estré Armonico—Vivaldi); Pro Arte Quartet.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Norman Allan (Bass) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

"Faust"—Ballad Music (Gounod). The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band; Great Bass Ballads; Intro: My Old Shako; They All Love Jack; A Sergeant of the Line... Norman Allan (Bass) and Chorus with Piano; Woodland Pictures—Rural Suite (Fletcher). The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band; Father O'Flynn (Graves, arr. Stanford); Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep (Willard and Knight); Norman Allan (Bass) with Orchestra; Dance of the Flowers—Valse (Debussy). The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Popular Old Variety Stars in a Programme of Their Well Known Items.

Comedian—The Parson Talks About Marriage ("Yes, I Think So!"). Vivian Foster (The Vicar of Mirfield); Comedienne—Florrie Forde Old Time Medley; Florrie Forde with Chorus and Orchestra; Humorous Sketch—Running an Office (Tate); Harry Tate and Company; Comedienne—He Hadn't Up Till Yesterday (Meadell and Others); Sophie Tucker with Ted Shapiro and His Orchestra.

8.30 London Relay—"Theatreland"

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Books and People."

9.45 Brahms—Sonata in F Minor Op. 120, No. 1.

Lionel Tertis (Viola) and Harriet Cohen (Piano).

10.10 Puccini's "La Tosca" Act I. Singers in order of appearance: Piero Pauli (Tenor); Giovanni Azimondo (Bass); Antonio Gelli (Baritone); Carmen Melis (Soprano); Apollo Granforte (Baritone) and Nello Palai (Tenor) with Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conducted by Carlo Sabajno.

11.00 Close Down.

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U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,410
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	81
Chartered	83 1/2
Mercantile, A & B	23
Mercantile, C	11 1/2
East Asia	70

INSURANCES	
Cantons	210
Unions	410
China Underwriters	1
H.K. Fire	107 1/2

SHIPPING	
Douglas	135
Steamboats	11
Indo-China P.	100
Indo-China D.	60
Shell (Bearers) s/-	44 1/2
Waterboats	7

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	8
Docks (old)	18
Docks (new)	17
Providents	5 1/2 & 6
Shai Dockyards	35 1/2

MINING	
Kailan s/-	18
Raubis	8
H.K. Mines	1 1/2 cts.

LANDS	
Hotel	3.00
Lands	34 1/2
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2
Shai Lands Sh.	13.00
Humphreys	7.05
H.K. Realties	3.85
Chinese Estates	88

UTILITIES	
Trams	18.20
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/2
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2
Star Ferries	62
Y. Ferries	24 1/2
China Lights (new)	8 1/2
H.K. Electric (old)	40 1/2
H.K. Electric (new)	39 1/2
Macao Electric (old)	17 1/2
Macao Electric (new)	16 1/2
Sandakan Lights	11 1/2
Telephones (old)	25 1/2
Telephones (new)	10.20

INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (O.K.) Sh.	30
Cald. Macg. (Prof.) Sh.	25
Canton Ice	1
Cements	17 1/2
H.K. Ropes	8.90

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	10.20
Watsons	11.10
Lane Crawford	7 1/2
Singor	2.15
Wing On (H.K.)	30
Powell Ltd.	1.00

COTTON MILLS	
Evo Sh.	50
Shai Cotton Sh.	205

MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	95 1/2
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	92 1/2
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 GSBDs	42 1/2
H.K. Entertainments	7
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Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6

52 Indian Air Force Pilots

On Active Service

THE Defence Secretary, India, recently informed Raja Yuvaraj Dutt Singh in the Central Assembly, that there were now 52 Indian Air Force pilots on active service.

Two service training schools had been established in India for the training of Indian Air Force pilots; in addition, the Civil Aviation Training Scheme had been launched to provide elementary flying training for 300 pilots a year for two years.

Mr. Williams told Mr. V. V. Kulkar that approximately 620 candidates were to be selected for emergency commissions in the Indian Army during the remaining months of 1940. He added that the number of candidates selected up to October 1, 1940, was 1,097. Quotas allotted to military districts in proportion to the number of suitable candidates reported to be available.

SOLDIERS BACK IN MARSEILLES

More than 1,500 French soldiers, who were severely wounded in Flanders, have arrived at Marseilles from England. The Marseillaise was played as the first stretcher was lowered to the wharf.

50 Stranded Doctors Dare Not Work

MORE than 50 American doctors, including a woman, who graduated recently in Scotland, are stranded there because transport difficulties prevent them going home.

Their degrees allow them to practice medicine in the United States or in Britain.

But the Home Office will not allow them to accept jobs as "locums" or assistants.

They cannot take positions in the Civil Defence Services because they are "foreigners."

But all have given their names to local hospitals to be called up in an emergency.

Just Bored

The State Department in Washington has been asked to persuade the British Air Ministry to allow them to be treated as priority passengers for trans-Atlantic crossing by plane, which has so far been refused.

Their leader told a reporter: "We wish to escape this boredom. Most of us are being kept by our parents."

Eire Fears Bombing

Evacuation Plans

DUBLIN, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—The Government of Eire is arranging for the voluntary evacuation of children from Dublin city and Kingstown Borough in the event of a situation arising which would render such a course advisable.

The scheme covers families whose incomes do not exceed £300 a year, but all persons who intend to evacuate, whether they come within the government scheme or not, have to register.

The scheme will be put into operation only if and when the Government decide that safeguarding the lives of women and children is absolutely necessary.

Small-Scale Air Raids

Leaflet Raid Planned

LONDON, Feb. 6 (UP).—The Air Ministry of Home Security in a joint communique revealed that there were small-scale raids on the southeast and east of England and in the London area early last night. Damage was done at one or two places, but as a whole there were no heavy casualties or damage.

A total of seven R.A.F. fighters were lost in yesterday's sweep of northern France. It is believed the weather grounded the R.A.F. overnight.

The "Daily Herald" reports that the R.A.F. plans a special leaflet raid on Germany to drop copies of Mr. Willkie's B.B.C. message. The paper stated: "We have already printed copies of it, and they are on their way to the German people through a multitude of underground channels."

Straits Chinese Want New H.K. Law Relaxed

Relaxation of recently introduced regulations governing the return of Chinese to Hongkong or through that Colony to China from Malaya was the object of conversations which the Chinese Consul-General, Mr. Kuo Ling-pai, had recently with the authorities in Singapore.

The need of furnishing satisfactory references or providing security for those who are not bona fide merchants or persons of sound financial standing seems to be a source of worry of the majority of those who travel from Singapore to Hongkong.

In the past, such persons and bona fide merchants and persons of sound financial standing alike could freely gain entry into Hongkong.

Great Importance

The new arrangements are, of course, of vital concern to the Chinese in Malaya, quite a large number of whom return to Hongkong either to stay in that Colony or en route to the Chinese mainland.

The matter assumes even greater importance when it is remembered that Hongkong is the only place through which Chinese returning to China could pass, now that the ports on the China coast are blockaded.

C.N.A.C. Planes Back In Hongkong

The big Douglas DC3 air liner which suffered minor damage when it made a forced landing in the interior recently was flown back to Hongkong successfully yesterday.

The air liner which was under charter and was now carrying passengers tipped forward on its nose when making a forced landing on an uneven piece of ground.

"Cease Whispering" Demonstration

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 6 (UP).—Five hundred students marched through the main streets of Rome to-day demonstrating against the whispering campaign in connection with the war.

They carried Italian and German flags and posters inscribed: "Cease whispering. Aid victory." They sang Fascist songs.

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BRITISH BUDGET

Inflation Danger Watched

Arresting statistics relating to war-time expenditure were given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, in moving for new credit totalling £1,000,000,000 in the House of Commons to-day to tide the country over the period until the next regular Budget period in April.

The total national expenditure on all purposes now averages £12,250,000 daily; it exceeds the peak of the last war and is still growing.

The Government, said the Chancellor, was alert to the danger of inflation and would not hesitate to take practical steps in defence of currency standards.

To-day's appropriations were £600,000,000 to clear up the financial year ending on March 31 and a further £1,000,000,000 for the start of the new year beginning on April 1. The first sum made a total authorised for the fighting services during the year of £3,300,000,000 apart from other sums provided in the ordinary grants for general national expense.

The Chancellor declared that the daily rate of expenditure had doubled within the year and had increased by £1,500,000 since he asked for the last vote in October. The tremendous expenditure already involved a heavy burden and must mean a still heavier burden, for they had to consider not only immediate vital necessities, but plan so that they could emerge with a reasonable prospect of decent conditions for the people.

National Savings Tally

LONDON, Feb. 6. In the first year of the national savings campaign £1,140,000,000 was raised, said the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Commons to-day.

Dealing with the risk of inflation he said the predisposing cause thereof was exceeding the gap between taxation plus saving and expenditure. He was satisfied that the danger of this gap had been greatly exaggerated by this did not mean that he wished to minimise the danger that prices might rise excessively, for there were other elements in the problem which would have to be carefully watched.

THERE WAS PETROL IN THE TANK

Because his torch was not working John Muir (45), of Acton Road, South Middlebrough, started a match to see if there was any petrol in his car tank. There was. Flame flashed over the back of the car. Muir was fined £10 at Middlebrough for causing a light which was not obscured.

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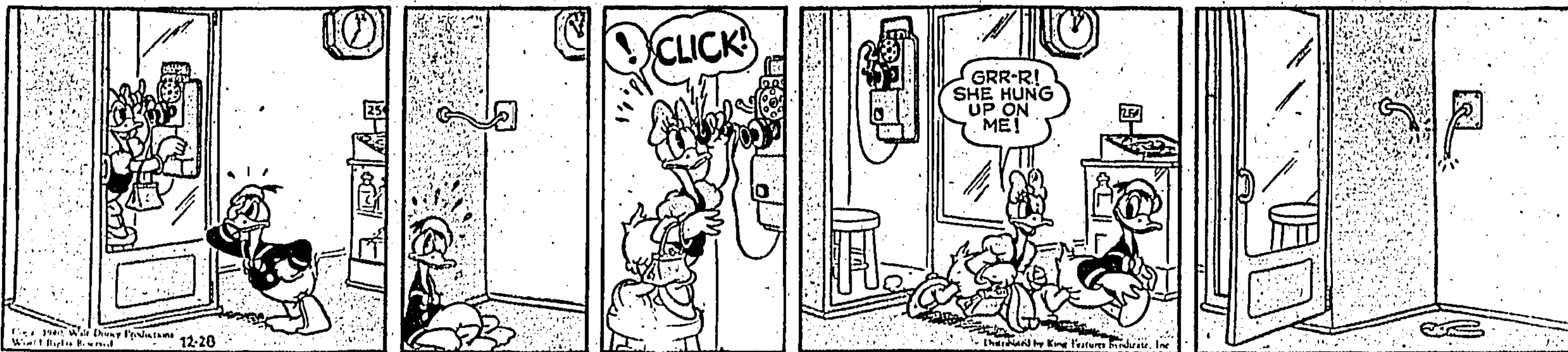
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NEWS IN PICTURES



BUILDINGS are never what they appear to be when Mr. Lonsdale Hands has finished with them. Mr. Hands, once an industrial designer, is now Britain's No. 1 camouflage expert. He is seen experimenting with light and shade on a model factory.



M. PADEREWSKI, the famous pianist and former Polish President, with friends on his arrival in Spain. After being detained by Spanish police, he was released to continue his journey to the United States.

Apology To A Climate

When our gallant English weather
Keeps the bombing plane at bay,
Aren't you sorry altogether
For the things you used to say?
Fog we cursed with cough and weeping,
Ice we called "the plumber's mate."
Dear old pals, who now are heaping
Coals of fire upon our pate.
Come each kindly gale, and hurry;
Let our climate play its part—
Merry fog, that clears our worry,
And the frost that warms the heart.

L. B. W.

WE SEE THE JOKE

by JOHN GORDON

A Londoner going home the other night found a bomb dropped by a German airman lying unexploded in his flat.

He promptly carried it out. A policeman found him staggering down the street with it in his arms—it was so heavy that he had dropped it once—and with that sense of the due dignity of things possessed by policemen of all nations, arrested him.

A bureaucratic minded magistrate, before whom he was brought, fined the man £100 for his bravery with the alternative that if he did not pay the fine he could go to prison for three months.

The man very properly refuses to pay the fine. And it is not likely that he will go to prison for the sentence has provoked a national outcry.

But whether he goes or not, he has at least given the world some idea of what Londoners think of bombs.

Now I do not want to under-estimate the air Blitzkrieg. It has been a very horrible and terrifying experience. But it has been far from being unendurable and the way in which Londoners have beaten its terror by adjusting their lives to it, has been among the outstanding episodes of heroism in world history.

The first week of it was the worst of all. All the worst of the damage seemed to have been done in that week. The bombs tore very great gaps in famous streets of the City and the West End. They scared and scared the suburbs and the death roll was heavy, although only a tiny fraction of what we had prepared for. Since that first week London has not had one night completely free from the bombers. Yet in that time a tremendous transformation has taken place. The raids no longer seem like the crack of doom, and the nightly casualty list in the London area has shrunk to a size that would really not put any serious pressure on the ordinary

casualty department of any one of our great hospitals. The lesson we have learned is this. If you take the elementary precaution of taking reasonable shelter, bombs do not harm you.

At first Londoners could not sleep. That is the greatest ordeal of a night air raid until you become used to it. Now most of them sleep the night through comfortably in shelters—many even in their beds—in spite of the noise of our guns, which is far more intense and a far more alarming sound than either the drone of a bomber or the whine of a falling bomb.

In the first days of air raiding, the whole population took shelter immediately the alarm sounded. Now in daylight women continue their shopping and men go on with their work unperturbed. Transport is running almost normally. The civil defence arrangements are so efficient that there has been no extensive failure of any public service.

Our food, our letters and our newspapers come to us just as they have always done. Husbands go to work as usual and come home again at night, if not always with the same comfort and ease, at least with nearly the same regularity.

All this must be a great blow to Hitler and Goering. They do not try now quite so hard as they used to. Their bombers still come regularly, but most days and nights the effort is not what it was. There is a perceptible slackening.

Why that should be so we have not yet decided, but we are rapidly coming to the opinion that there are probably two reasons for it:

(1) Hitler is giving us up as a hopeless job and turning his strength to the near East to retrieve his waning fortunes. The Nazi Air Force has had such a hammering that it cannot stand the pace! There are indications that the second reason may prove to be the real one. One pretty sure sign is that the Nazis are now bringing Italians to help them.

The Nazis have been good, airman, courageous and pertinacious even in the worst

weather, but the Italians are very inferior. Against our Hurricanes and Spitfires they stand no earthly chance. Recently, 80 of them tried a very spectacular daylight dash on London and were simply shot out of the skies. They could not drop a single bomb on England. The Germans were never as bad as that. Obviously the Germans themselves do not rate the Italians very high and I fear the Italians will soon get tired of being used as practice targets for the R.A.F.

We shall miss them when they stop coming. They do no harm and they make an air raid quite an agreeable entertainment.

We are all hoping that one day we shall have among our visitors Count Ciano and Mussolini's two famous airman sons who bombed defenceless Abyssinians with such heroism. But perhaps they are content to rest on their Ethiopian laurels. Somehow we fear they will shy of crossing the Channel.

Altogether we are taking a very bright view of our position at the moment. Our air blows at Germany a far harder every day while Hitler's blows at us weaken. The new head of the Air Force, Air Marshal Portal—Portal of the Bombers—has certainly kicked up a dust in his short time as Supreme Commander.

The great raid on Munich, and the spoiling of Hitler's Beer cellar speech, has been our greatest joke since the war began. It made the whole nation roar with laughter, and when the British laugh in a war, they are far more dangerous than when they are grim. We have reached the laughing stage now after many anxious months.

Hitler promised his nation that the Battle of Britain would be over before the winter began. It was his one true prophecy. The Battle of Britain although not ended is practically over. But the end has not been quite what Hitler planned.

One thing concerning the bomb damage strikes every visitor to London. It is the way in which German airmen, obviously acting under orders, have made a dead set at churches, convents and Royal Palaces. So many of them have been hit that the Blitzkrieg has almost taken on the appearance of an anti-God crusade.

That of course no more wins a war than the slaughter of helpless little children and their mothers in suburban streets far from any military objectives. Actually it may be the deciding factor in the extent of the final punishment awaiting Hitler. For it has roused the temper of every Briton to a height that it can never before have reached in our history. There will be no forgiving and forgetting this time.

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HALDERMAN Julius, a book publisher of Girard, Kansas, has written to Mr Winston Churchill:

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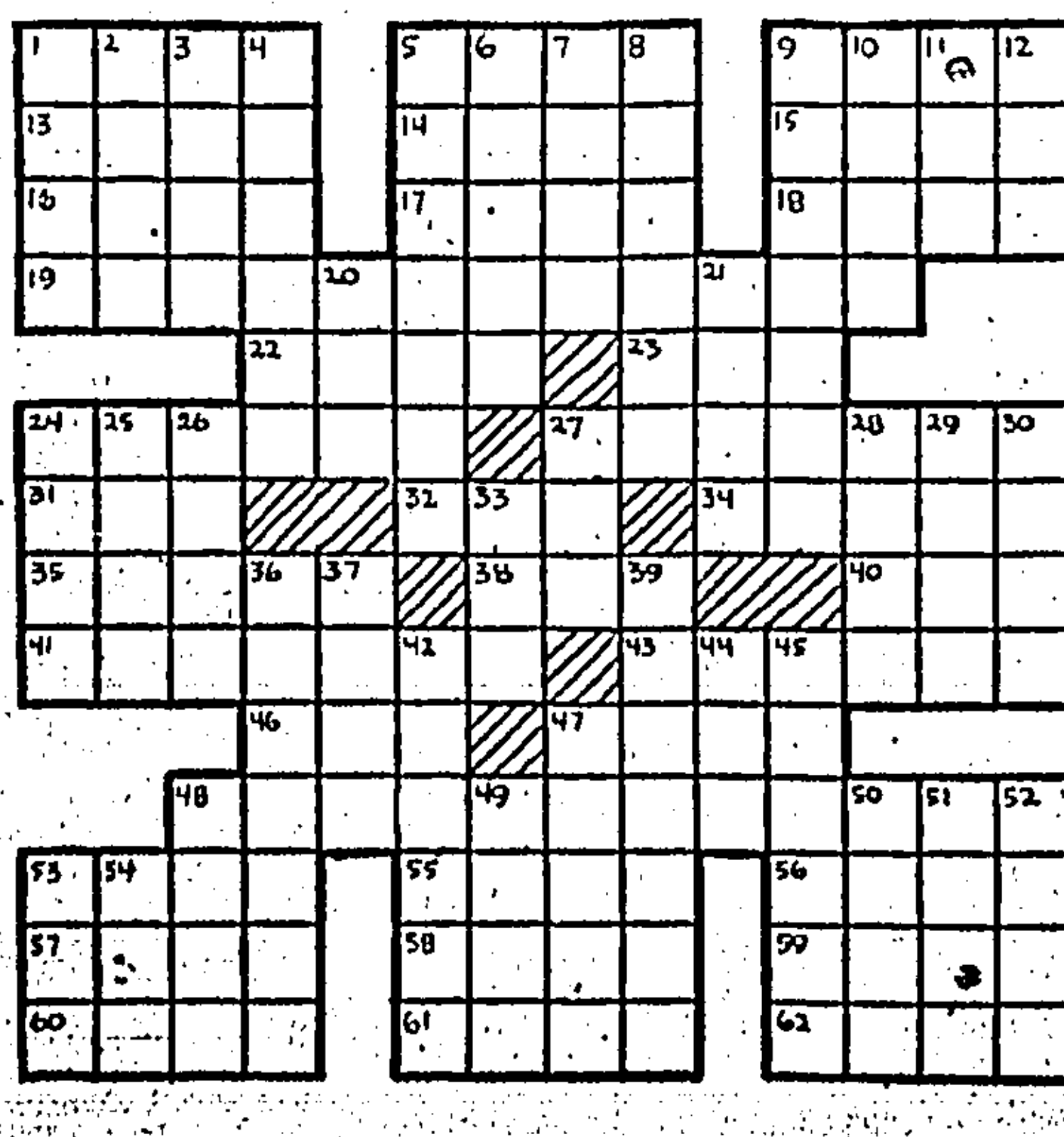
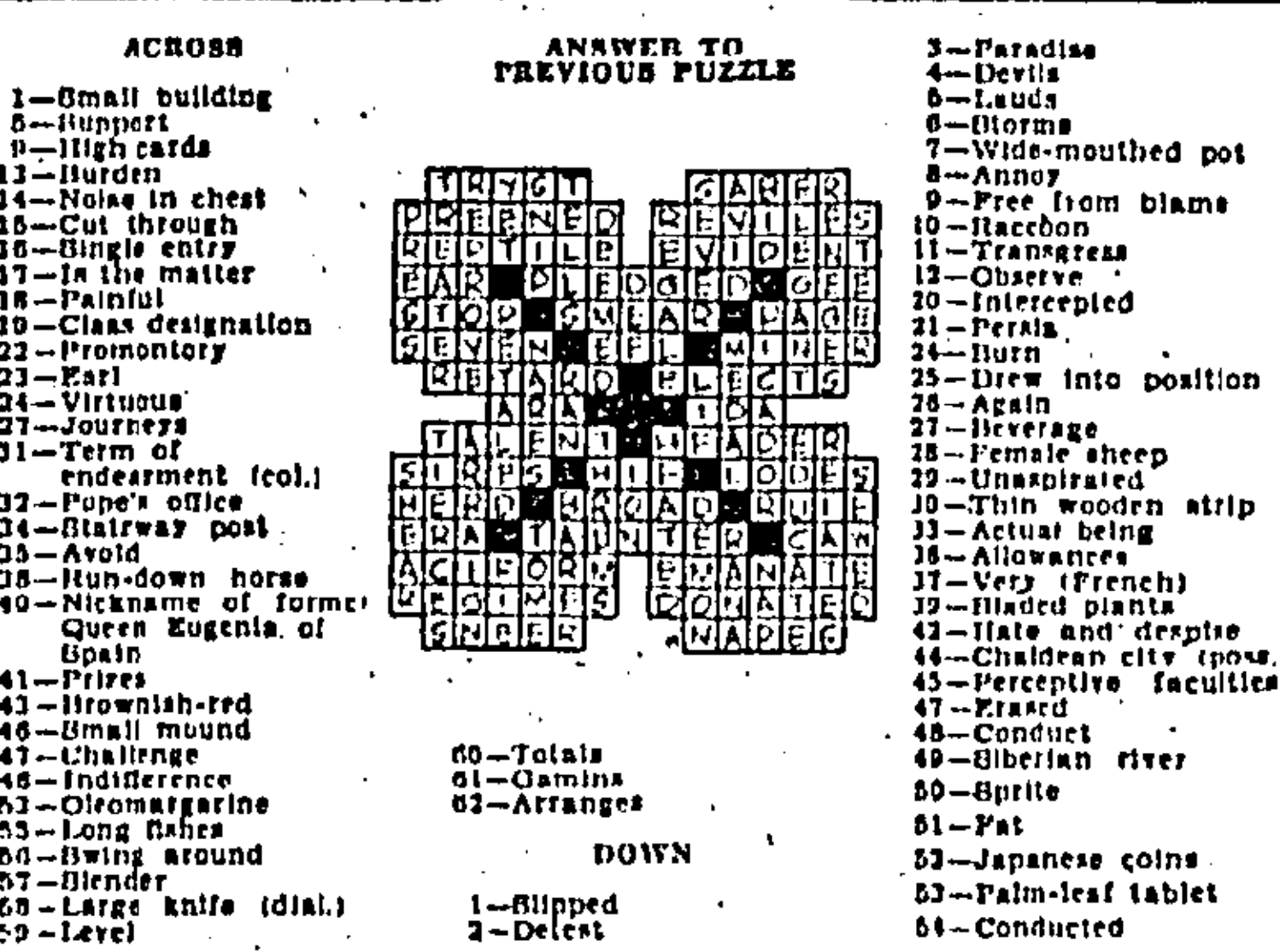


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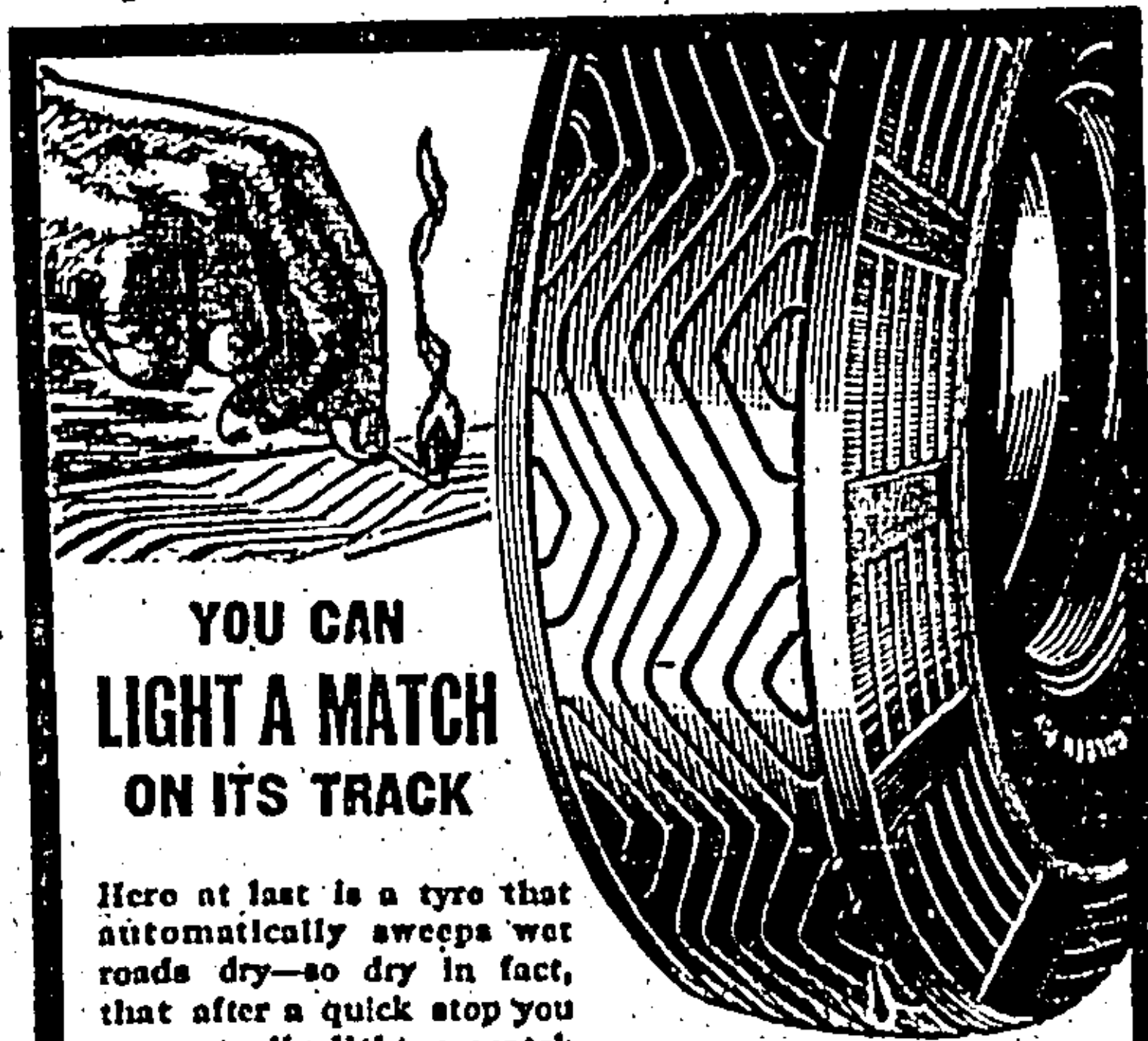
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HONGKONG INDUSTRIES

HONGKONG has had a war on her doorstep for nearly four years and is now participating, financially and industrially, in another conflict thousands of miles away, upon the result of which depends the future of the Colony; yet, far from Hongkong displaying the "jitters", there is ample evidence to show that confidence in its future is greater than ever.

Principal illustration is the rapid development of industry; the Shamshui and Lai-chikok areas are now alive with Chinese factories, turning out in impressive quantity rubber footwear, torchlights and batteries, hardware, minerals and ores, piece goods and tobacco, to mention but a few. The result has been a considerable increase in export values during the past twelve months, the release of new capital in the Colony, the employment of thousands of additional skilled and semi-skilled workers, the demand for more property, and a consequent impetus upon the current prosperity of the place.

It is a significant and encouraging sign, true, a good deal of this industrial development was the outcome of circumstances and not any conscious effort on the part of the Colony; Hongkong's purpose must be to seize this golden opportunity and to consolidate it. Everything possible should be done to stimulate the new trend. With an eye essentially for the future, industrial planning should become a policy. At the present factories are being built with little or no attention paid to the sites; they are suitable for immediate needs, but in many cases offer little scope for important development in the future.

The New Territories boast many open spaces served by road and rail; here might be established a centralised industrial area; around the factories could be built workers' houses. Hongkong could have its industrial centre, thriving and self-contained. The idea is partly visionary, but indications suggest the desirability of such a plan in the future, and the present appears to be opportune for



WHAT A QUESTION TO ASK

DOUGLAS REED says

- Hitler's diplomacy has failed;
- The R.A.F. is just getting into its swing; the Navy is master of the seas; the Army is improving daily;
- In Albania we have the chance of seizing a big success—quickly.

Why I KNOW We Will Win

I AM convinced we can win this war, and know a dozen good reasons why we cannot lose it.

But if I were a doctor, examining a superlatively healthy man, I should know a dozen good reasons why he should not die, and that still would not help if he walked in front of a motor-lorry.

In Germany, Hitler is creating a New Order for Europe, and Goering is creating a new order for Goering.

Goering's order is a new medal for German airmen, named after Rosenheim, his own birthplace. He is its first recipient.

'New Order' Flops

He reminds me very much of Bruce Lockhart's diplomat, of whom it was said that if he got another decoration he would only have one place to put it and he would then be unable to sit down.

What of Hitler's New Order in Europe? So far he has collected three very small tags to the tail of his German-Italian-Japanese kite—Rumania (where his troops are), Hungary (which hopes by this sycophancy to keep them out) and Slovakia, which has been in Hitler's possession for eighteen months, anyway.

But the really big or useful recruits, the ones Hitler wants—Russia, Spain, Bulgaria, Turkey—still stand aloof.

And that brings me to Albania, a word which at this moment should be written on all our leaders' hearts.

Not only the people of this country, who are very staunch in adversity, but, far more, those other wavering and threatened countries, need a British success.

In Albania the gods—the Greek gods—have sent us the chance of one.

its preparation. Hongkong is exporting its own manufactured commodities more and more; it is not impossible to envisage the time when the Colony's export trade in home-made goods vies with its entire business. Enterprise and intelligent planning at this stage may do much to bring this about.

If the Italians can be driven out of Albania into the sea, if their Dunkirk can be turned into a disaster—that is a decisive success in this war.

Smash The Italians

I do not know, as a layman, if there are insuperable objections to the landing of British troops. The danger of a swift German descent on them from the north, of another Dunkirk, is obvious, and the Italian attack on Greece may have been meant to tempt us to such a landing.

But I do know that if we can, from the air and from the sea, give the Greeks now just that extra ounce of punch they need to push the Italians into the sea—that is a major victory. The Italian morale, already heavily burdened by the memory of the headlong retreat at Caporetto in the last war, would suffer a mortal blow.

For the first time one of the two dictators would have been driven from territory cheaply taken in some spectacular Saturday-afternoon swoop!

Not only Mussolini's standing would be shattered, but also Hitler's would be seriously shaken, and all round the Mediterranean men would begin again to look up and look towards us.

Relief For Franco

In Bulgaria King Boris's hand would be strengthened in his lonely struggle to keep his country out of the war.

And in Syria? There French soldiers are already talking of de Gaulle's successes in Central Africa, are already listening eagerly to the news that his emissary, General Catroux, has arrived in the Middle East. Catroux, who as a prisoner of war in Germany in 1916 was kept in a dark cell for three months, is a patriot in the grand French tradition, known throughout the French Empire.

These are the things we might achieve, if we are daring and alert.

The war on our shipping is certainly very serious, as serious as it was in April, 1917, when we were nearer to defeat than ever before; but we overcame it then, and we should be able to overcome it now.

In recent days I have had to watch an American film about the R.A.F. and an American film stating that only American newspapers now tell their readers the truth, and I have

had to read the story of "The Battle for Britain" written by an American newspaperman who spent ten days here!

It is fantastic to think that historians of the future will find so little about this stupendous incident in our island story in our island press, that they may have to look up foreign newspapers to find the name of cities that were bombed, that the heroism of bomb-disposal squads, firemen, policemen, bus-drivers, and all that unknown legion, will be practically unknown to them.

Our greatest setback in this war, to date, has been in the Battle of Bloomsbury. It is a dreary story.

No Cause For Gloom

We have a good story to tell, and should tell it through the lips of our own people.

But, even in spite of that, when I stand back from the picture of the war and look at it, and look at the common people of this country, I should say that the gloom prophets are very wrong when they say we are "virtually defeated."

Our magnificent Air Force is just getting into its swing; our Navy, hard pressed, is still master of the seas; our Army has vastly improved through long training; we need a success somewhere soon, and should be able to find one.

The war on our cities is certainly very serious, but nobody in this country thinks that it can beat us. More serious are the writings of American newspaper correspondents, some of them known personally to me as staunch and stalwart friends of this country.

They have been writing that our censorship "is ominously reminiscent of that which oppressed France before the French suddenly found the enemy marching under the Arc de Triomphe."

And the Americans, at that, suffer far less from the censorship than do the British people, who never had so little information before they acquired one of the most expensive ministries of all time, the Ministry of Information.

Our Other 'Army'

One day, I hope, and I hope soon, we shall begin to organise that "Army of Pre-Occupation," of saboteurs and disintegrators inside Hitler's conquered countries and inside Germany itself which enabled Hitler so quickly and easily to conquer Norway and Holland and other countries.

This is the army which can win us this war, and which our fighting services, our secret service and a real Ministry of Information should now be combining to form.

Our chances of winning this war are good, not bad. The use we make of those chances—well, it is up to our leaders, and a great chance offers unexpectedly in Albania.

ENGLISH IN SONG

★ Educating the Foreigner

In the far-off days when there was a country called Austria and in it a city called Salzburg where artists congregated for music and drama and the mutual refreshment of talk in the cafes, there was a Viennese singer whose ambition it was to sing English songs perfectly. "But," she said, "they tell me I can never master the English language unless I talk with a pipe in my mouth." Her new-found English acquaintance gallantly rubbed the stem of his pipe on his sleeve and offered it to her, but she was not quite ready to begin practice. Actually she spoke and sang English very well, but there was that roundness of the vowels, that crispness of the consonants, that difficulty in swallowing the weak final syllables in words like "straighten" and "able" which betokens the foreigner. Perhaps the pipe would have helped.

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To-day there are thousands of foreigners in the Empire, allies and friendly aliens who are burning to learn to talk English. We understand that the proper authorities are setting up the proper machinery. They are to be taught by word of mouth and by gramophone records. Soon they may all be speaking like B.B.C. announcers, but will they be talking as English people talk with or without pipes in their mouths? Probably not, and possibly the proper authorities would think it very improper if they did.

But let us leave pipes and come to singing. Their aim is the opposite of the Viennese lady's. She wanted command of the language chiefly that she might sing English songs. Surely singing English songs could help them to get some command of the language for their own purposes.

Consider how much the songs of Schubert, Brahms and others have done for the knowledge of the German language in British countries. No doubt there have been English singers whose singing of Lieder has been admired—but who, when they got to Germany, found some difficulty in choosing the right kind of sausages or in explaining to a railway porter exactly what they wanted done with their *Handgepäck*.

A knowledge of lyrical poetry will not give conversational ease in daily emergencies, but if the poetry is joined to a tune written to fit it, it will at least give some perception of the shape and accent of the language. Through singing, pronunciation becomes instinctive, and such knowledge as the singer gains is not merely literary. He learns the language in phrases not in words, and the musical phrases of a well-written verbal phrase, the character of the verbal phrases. Take Purcell's line: "No, never, no, never intending to visit them more."

It has been translated into German to fit the music as "Auch wenn mir nie wiederzellt, wiederzellt hier diesen Strand." The German, as is the fate of translators, loses the character of the musical phrase, but the foreigner who has sung Purcell in English will at least know how to say emphatically that he does not intend to do something. Moreover, he will not in future tend to pronounce the words as "never" and "vesseet."

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But teaching the language by song can only be done through good songs. There are too many songs written to English words where the tune is as contradictory of the flow of the words as is the Purcell tune of the German words imposed on it, perhaps more so. But good songs are not necessarily "classical" songs. Think of Chevalier's "If you die an old maid, you've only got yourself to blame." The music-hall, when it was fuller of good specimens than the English concert platform.

English song from the sixteenth century to the twentieth, not forgetting the ageless folk-song, is a rich store, and the English language set naturally to music which our concert platform singers have neglected reprehensibly. Never mind the concert-hall repertoire. Go anywhere, where ordinary English people sing their songs in the way they speak their own language. Pick out a handful of them, put them on gramophone records if necessary, but above all get the foreigners to sing them as ordinary English people sing them, not as the international-minded singing-teacher teaches them, and it will be odd if the singing foreigners do not get on terms with the language quicker than those who learn from textbooks.

Broken Ex-Premier Gives Self Up To Nazis To See Sick Wife

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—The Royal Netherlands Government announces that it has learnt to-day with a profound sense of indignation that, notwithstanding solemn assurances given to the contrary, Jonkheer Doctor D. J. de Geer, ex-Prime Minister of the Netherlands, has left Lisbon for the enemy-occupied part of the kingdom in Europe.

De Geer, who is 78, was Prime Minister from June, 1939 to September, 1940. He was head of the Government at the moment of the German invasion on May 10 last year and he had an important share in the responsibility for the unanimous decision of the Cabinet to leave the Hague for London with the Queen.

Soon after the resignation of de Geer from the Premiership in September last year, the Government decided to entrust him with a mission to the Netherlands East Indies which would have enabled him to join some members of his family living in that part of the kingdom.

De Geer left England in November last on the express condition that the official facilities granted to him were to serve exclusively for the purpose just mentioned and he himself gave a formal undertaking to that effect.

Having learned with deep regret that the former Prime Minister has broken this solemn pledge by returning to occupied territory, the Royal Netherlands Government have the painful duty to make known that they consider de Geer's conduct a breach of loyalty and an act detrimental to the national interests. This unfortunate incident, concludes the announcement, can in no way be accepted as an indication of any change in the firm determination of the Royal Netherlands Government to continue the war against Germany on the side of her British ally until ultimate victory.

Wife Dangerously Ill

It is learned in Dutch circles in London that de Geer decided to go to Holland because he was anxious about his wife's health. It is reported here to-night that on arrival in Lisbon, de Geer learned that his wife who has been in Holland throughout the war, was dangerously ill.

A prominent Hollander in London said, De Geer has been feeling advancing age for long time and has been pining for his family. He has grown feeble and frail. In peacetime he was an admirable Prime Minister but he was not the man for such a vigorous task as prosecuting the war.

STOCK EXCHANGE Markets Close Steady

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, hesitant conditions prevailed at the outset and some marking down of prices occurred, but in the absence of any selling pressure, markets closed more steadily.

Industrials, especially tobaccoes, were dominated by fears of taxation. Oils occasionally were a shade off. Kaffirs closed steady.

Among foreign bonds, Japanese holdings further hardened. Brazilian and Belgian issues also improved. Wall Street was firm.

BOMBAY, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—A further 900 Italian prisoners, including 104 officers, have arrived.

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Nords Sent To Germany

Royal Property Seized

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Latest news from Norway is to the effect that 100 Norwegian political prisoners are being sent to Germany. Included amongst these is a famous actor, whose only fault was to propose the toast of the Royal Family at a dinner where all the guests, including high German military officers, honoured the toast.

The German authorities have also authorised the confiscation of all property owned by Crown Prince Olaf and his Princesses.

Sentenced To Death

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Norwegians have been sentenced to death by the German military tribunal at Bergen, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London. They were charged with transmitting information about the German armed forces on a secret wireless set.

Commons Interest In Shanghai

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Invited to make a statement "on the outbreak of ruffianism in the International Settlement in Shanghai," Mr R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said: "While Mr Eden has some preliminary information on the attempt at arson at the Shanghai Race Club and the bombing of the Special District Court, he is not yet in a position to give a detailed official account of these incidents."

Australian Cabinet Consultation

MELBOURNE, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—In a joint statement after a meeting of the War Council to-day the Acting Prime Minister, Mr A. W. Fadden, and the Labour Leader, Mr J. A. Curtin, declared: "There is no doubt of the seriousness of the international situation, as it affects Australia."

"The Council discussed developments in the Far East and called into conference Vice-Admiral Colvin and Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett, Chief of the Australian Air Force."

"The War Council realises the necessity for taking all possible steps and calls on each individual for his maximum effort."



GOOD FELLOWS—During recent visit to Mexico City, Special Ambassador Henry A. Wallace, right, drinks toast to their two nations with newly-installed President Camacho.

Major Operation By Candlelight in Raid

BY THE DIM LIGHT OF CANDLES DOCTORS AND NURSES FOUGHT TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A PATIENT AS BOMBS WERE DROPPING ROUND A BLAZING LONDON HOSPITAL.

Water was boiled on stoves. Instruments, grabbed from the wrecked emergency theatre, were got together, and part of a basement was rigged up for the operation.

The patient, on the point of death, was wheeled into the "theatre" as a fire blazed fiercely not far away.

Now the man is back behind the counter of his little shop in a London suburb.

The only comment on that terrible night he will make is: "The nurses and doctors risked their lives to save mine."

And that is why, he says, St Thomas's Hospital, still carrying on after being bombed four times, can proudly proclaim on its shattered walls: "Down, not out."

That fight for life was won immediately after the third and most serious bombing, which put the lighting, heating and hot water services out of action.

Although the patients escaped, two doctors and a nurse were killed.

Torches Useless

In spite of this a major operation had to be performed or the patient would have died.

This is how one of the doctors described this "nightmare":

"I was sitting on a bench with four or five others when I saw a vast sheet of flame 20 yards away and heard a terrific explosion."

"For a moment or two after the explosion there was absolute silence."

"Then there was a babel of talking and shouting. We flashed our torches, but they were almost useless in the dust and smoke."

"A voice shouted: 'Go carefully, everybody—there may be no floor.' Within an hour a new theatre had been improvised."

Safe Cities For Children

Portuguese Initiative

LISBON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—A project for the centralising in Portugal of international efforts to protect children from the consequences of aerial warfare, is to be made official by the Portuguese Government to all belligerent Powers.

A plan was unofficially put forward recently in the newspaper, "Diario de Noticias," urging the establishment of "safe cities" in all countries at war where children would be guaranteed freedom from bombardment.

"Let us centralise in Portugal and co-ordinate the magnificent work of International Red Cross units," wrote the newspaper. "This generation representing the Europe of to-morrow cannot be held responsible for the bloody conflict now proceeding in Europe. It is a question of saving from the dread and fear and inevitable physical debility of thousands of children—English, German, French, Italian, Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian and Greek without distinction."

Young Germans Moved

MADRID, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Progress in the evacuation of Berlin children to destinations east and south of the capital is referred to by the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper, "A.B.C."

He says that it is hoped that the evacuation will be completed by February 20.

The correspondent quotes reports that the Pope will send a message to Berlin and London, expressing a desire for more humane aerial warfare.

NEW SWEDISH FACTORY

A new large factory for manufacture of sanitary pottery has recently started operations in Sweden. The factory, which is equipped with four electric furnaces, has an annual production capacity of 3,500 tons. This output will be able to cover entirely the requirements of the Swedish building industry. It is stated, and will also enable a certain export.

Worship In Dimness Of Cave Church

Far below ground, in the maze-like caves of Chislehurst, Kent, where Druids once performed their rites, the sound of a congregation singing a favourite hymn echoed softly round the rocky walls.

People lying in their hundreds on mattresses; in small beds; mothers holding babies, young girls, old men—all sheltering—joined in this evening service from the Church in the Caves.

Beneath a natural dome rising 50ft or more, those who could squeeze into the little church sang from printed hymn sheets. In the dark recesses where stood the altar, built from chalk blocks, candles flickered. The altar Cross gleamed in the dim light.

"Rock Of Ages"

The vicar, Canon J. R. Lumb, led his congregation.

People of East and South London nightly go to the caves for sleep away from the bombs.

This regular Sunday night service initiated by Canon Lumb has caught on among the Chislehurst cave-dwellers.

Many of them travel from London especially early on Sunday to get a seat in church. Mr J. Longman, of New Cross, said: "It's a strange experience to enter that church when you know that outside bombs are falling and people are dying."

BARBARA HUTTON'S FATHER DEAD

THE death has occurred at Charleston, South Carolina, of Mr. Franklyn Hutton, father of the Countess Barbara von Hugelwitz-Reventlow, who as Barbara Hutton, inherited the Woolworth millions from her grandparents. The countess was at the bedside when her father died.

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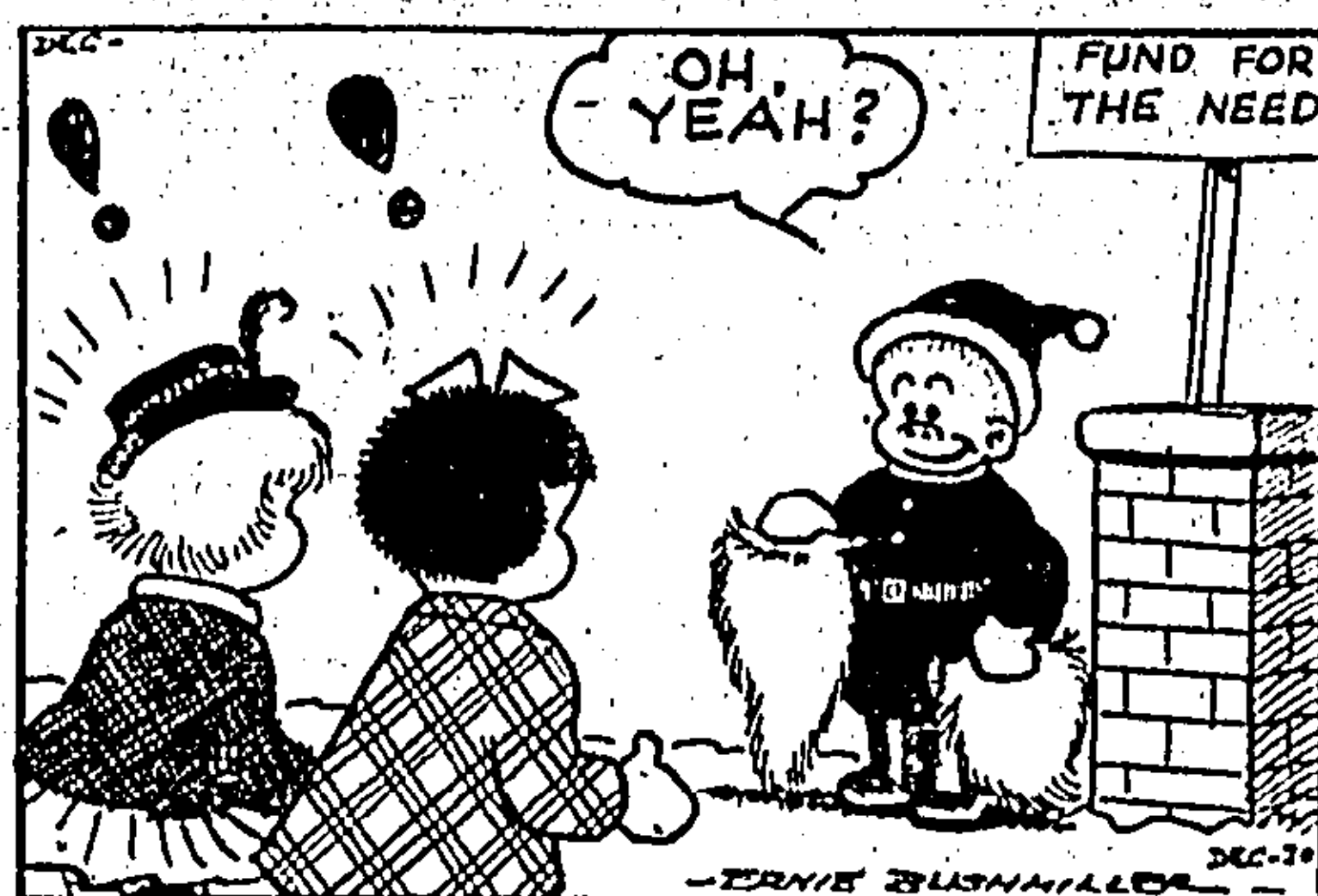
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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



LINDBERGH OVERAWED BY GERMANY'S AIR STRENGTH

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (UP).—Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day, Colonel Charles Lindbergh amplified his earlier thesis opposing the Lend and Lease Bill by saying: "Personally I do not believe England is in a position to win the war."

He urged the United States not to attempt to assist England through the establishment of a bridgehead on the British Isles against Germany because the overseas supply lines are vulnerable to enemy torpedoes and it would mean that the "American neck would be stretched clear across the Atlantic ocean."

positions exposed to the attack of the most powerful nations of Europe and Asia."

Wants Negotiated Peace

The Colonel told the Committee he did not believe the United States was to-day in any danger of invasion, although it might be if England falls. He urged a negotiated peace, although he stressed a desire for a British victory as the outcome of the latter.

The United States also possesses "another island bridgehead in the Philippines; hence, to follow the policy outlined in this Bill we must maintain and protect supply lines stretching two thirds of the way around the earth terminating in

He asserted that his study of European aviation convinced him that Germany is the natural air power of Europe, just as England is the natural sea power.

He said that the majority of American war planes are now

"obsolete" according to the standards of modern warfare.

The danger to the United States is not from abroad, but from "placing our security in the success of foreign armies and the removal of power from the representatives of the people in our own land."

"It makes a great difference to us who wins the war, in Europe, but I do not believe it is either possible or desirable for us in America to control the outcome of European wars."

Any American effort to maintain bridgeheads in England and the Philippines is an "audacious undertaking." The United States is not prepared for war or an attempt to hold control of the present war.

Willkie On Inaugural Flight

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (Reuter).

—The Dixie Clipper with Mr Wendell Willkie aboard has alighted at Bolama, West Africa, announced Pan-American Airways.

The machine is inaugurating a new homeward course for American clipper from Europe. This is the first time that an American commercial aircraft has visited an African port and the first time that any part of Africa has been linked with the United States by air.

Mr Currie Leaves For Chungking

Mr Loughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, left for Chungking early this morning. He was accompanied by Mr Emil Despres, U.S. research economist.

MOBILE CANTEN GIFT FROM H.K. CHINESE

The following are the signatories to a letter to the Acting Governor presenting the money for a mobile canteen to be used in Britain, and H. E. the Acting Governor's acknowledgment of the gift.

(Sgd) C. H. Chung, Manager, The Central Bank of China, Canton Branch, Hongkong Office.

Shou J. Chen, Manager, for Bank of China, Hongkong.

T. N. Lee, Manager, Bank of Communications.

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The Governor's Reply

Government House, Hongkong, February 6, 1941. Gentlemen—I have this morning been handed the letter from you which accompanies a cheque for \$18,500 destined to purchase a mobile canteen for the people of England rendered homeless by bombing. I have noted your wishes for the disposal of this gift and will ensure that they are carried out.

In anticipation of acknowledgment from England I wish to thank you all most sincerely for this most welcome gift.

Its generosity can hardly fail to be particularly appreciated by the recipients, for all will realise that the Chinese Community in Hongkong have for long now contributed on a no less generous scale to the relief of their own compatriots in stricken China.

With your permission I should like to make an announcement in the Press in connection with this gift, for I feel that an acknowledgment of your gesture in this form can but serve as a testimony to the spirit of the Chinese Community of Hongkong and as an example to all. I therefore propose to publish your letter with this reply and a copy of the telegram with which I announce the gift to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in both British and Chinese papers.

I should like to add that I am aware of the part taken in this matter by the Honourable Mr M. K. Lo, himself a prominent contributor, and to express my appreciation for his initiative in making the suggestion to which you have all responded so promptly and so handsomely.

Believe me, Gentlemen,

Yours very gratefully,

(Sgd) E. F. Norton.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: Following the slight selling pressure during the week, enquiries were in evidence to-day from bargain hunters.

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$76
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Sellers
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Lands \$34.50
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Lights "O" \$8.20
Watsons \$11.10

Sales
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 92¼
H.K. Fire Ins. \$167.50
Providents \$5.50
Lands \$34.25
Trams \$17.50
Lights "O" \$8.10
Electrics "O" \$40.35
Electrics "N" \$39.75
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Constructions "N" .80c.

The Kowloon Golf Club annual dance will be held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow night.



SUCCESSFUL—Leader of successful British drive against Italians in western desert of Egypt is Lt. General Henry M. Wilson, commander in chief of British forces there. He is 59, stands 6 feet in height.

B.W.O.F. SUPPLIES

By the courtesy of the P. & O. Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. the Blue Funnel Line twenty-four cases of hospital supplies, knitted comforts and garments for civilians whose homes have been bombed have been despatched by the British War Organisation Fund, as follows:

Three cases hospital supplies to the Red Cross, England; 2 cases garments for civilians to Red Cross, England; 2 cases knitted comforts to the R.A.F. Depot, England; one case knitted comforts to the Army Depot, England; 10 cases hospital supplies to the Red Cross, Middle East.

Supplies to the Middle East consist of the following articles, by the special request of that Centre: Canvas shoes, summer and winter underwear, dish cloths, medicine cloths and dusters, bath towels and hand towels, dressing gowns, shaving mirrors, dart boards and darts, ashtrays, fans, hot water bottles and covers, dysentery pads, handkerchiefs, metal ladles.

Total cases packed to date number 253, inclusive of emergency supplies stored for the use of local hospitals.

The B.W.O.F. are indebted to the British-American Tobacco Co. and Messrs John Rogers for supplying tin-lined packing cases free of charge, also to Messrs Wang Kee & Co. for transporting the goods for shipment free of charge.

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Among the worst hit are men, formerly in good positions, who have been called up.

Rene Clair 'No Longer French'

RENE CLAIR, the French film producer, has been deprived of his French nationality and fortune.

His name is in a list of 23 Frenchmen to suffer this "fate."

Among the others is M. Alexis Leger, a former high official of the French Foreign Office.

Rene Clair, probably the best known of French film producers, first gained fame in Great Britain with "Sous les Toits de Paris" and "Le Million."

His first British film was "The Ghost Goes West," with Robert Donat in the leading part.

Clair followed this success with a return to the musical comedy type of film—"Break the News"—starring Maurice Chevalier and Jack Buchanan.

Then it was announced that he was going to Hollywood.

Army Of Coolies To Test Shelters

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ment House on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m.

Mr Puckle stressed the need for more telephonists who can speak both English and Chinese. Volunteers of any nationality who can speak both languages are asked to send in their names to A. R. P. Headquarters, where they will be given a short course of instruction.

An inter-district competition for the Hilmsworth Trophy will be held at Shamshupo on Sunday, February 16, at 2.30 p.m.

LATE NEWS



ADMITS HE WAS SPY — Heinrich P. Fassbender, 23-year-old German, who admitted to Un-American Activities committee in Chicago, according to Chairman Dies, that he was engaged in military espionage in U. S. as German agent.

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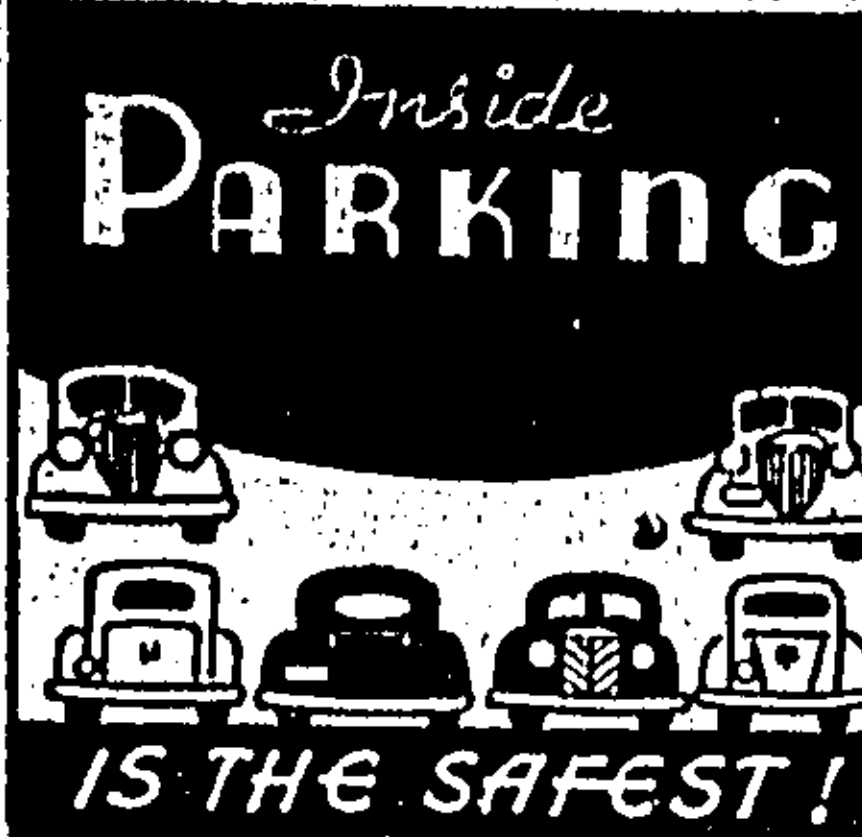
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DISASTROUS ITALIAN DEFEAT ON ALBANIAN FRONT: HEAVY LOSSES

ATHENS, Feb. 6 (Router).—The violent Italian counter-attack launched yesterday on the central front has ended in a disastrous Italian defeat, according to the Athens radio to-night.

The enemy threw many troops and a considerable number of tanks and armoured cars into the battle in an attempt to break through the Greek lines. The Italians were pushed back behind their base lines and their losses in men and material were heavy.

BRITISH WINGS OVER AFRICA

Five-Front Operations

CAIRO, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—A heavy air attack on Maritza aerodrome in Rhodes, the chief island of the Italian Dodecanese group, marked the extension of the R.A.F. Middle East Command activity on Tuesday night.

The aerodrome was bombed, and machine-gunned and fires were started.

The British advances on five fronts in Africa were again fully supported by air activity.

Renewed Bombing

To-day's R.A.F. communique records the renewed bombing of advanced Italian aerodromes in Libya during Tuesday night, including Benina aerodrome near Benghazi and Berka as well as the railway station at Barcha.

In Italian East Africa, the army was supported by the R.A.F. on various fronts. At Barentu two more Italian fighters were captured and one was shot down.

At Keren, dive attacks were made on gun positions in the hills and on the road east of the town.

At Nekemte, bombs were dropped on motor transport with considerable effect.

At Dessie, several fires were caused among the buildings and motor transport vehicles.

War Insurance For Colonies

LONDON, Feb. 6 (British Wireless).—The Secretary for India, replying to a Parliamentary question, announced that the governments concerned had accepted the recommendations of the Eastern Group Conference held at Delhi.

These were (1) establishment in India of a central office to co-ordinate military requirements within the area concerned and (2) the appointment of a new body to be called the Eastern Group Supply Council to co-ordinate the production and supply of munitions and stores to meet those requirements.

H. M. G. have appointed Sir Archibald Carter, lately Permanent Secretary to the Admiralty, to be their representative and Chairman of the Council and Major General Holden to be the Officer in Charge. Mr. Amery said that every recommendation for making the fullest possible use of the productive capacity of various countries is being actively followed up.

This was announced by the Colonial Under-Secretary, replying to a Commons question, and he added that such schemes would be administered by the Dependencies themselves. But as it was appreciated that most Dependencies were unable to meet an unlimited liability, it was proposed to introduce legislation to empower the Treasury to guarantee any such schemes in the Colonial Empire. If this legislation is passed, the Kenya and Uganda scheme will be guaranteed under it.

Free French Chief Not Here To Play Politics

"I am not here to play politics, but to get all the goodwill I can find and all Frenchmen who want to help free France from the German boot and the Italian hoof," declared M. Queniam de Schompre, representative of General de Gaulle in the Far East in an interview with the "Telegraph" to-day.

M. de Schompre, who was formerly French Consul-Adjoint in Tientsin, resigned his post to join General de Gaulle. When he arrived at Bombay he received a cable from De Gaulle directing him to return to Singapore and co-ordinate the Free French movement in the Far East.

M. de Schompre refused to comment on the situation in French Indo-China. He said the following Free French officials had been appointed in the Far East: President, Singapore, M. E. Brizay, Delegate for the Federated

Malay States, M. de Langlardie; President, Dutch East Indies, M. Rivard; President, Manila, Major Valbre; Delegate for the Philippines, M. Villouet.

It is understood that the representatives of the Free French movement are not locally elected, but are chosen by General de Gaulle and his representative in the Far East. The only representative to be elected locally was at Shanghai.

M. de Schompre is expected to leave Hongkong on February 13. He said he is not proceeding to Shanghai from the Colony.

During his visit he will call on H. E. the Acting Governor and make other calls.

Several tanks and four armoured cars were destroyed. The Greeks have established themselves firmly in new positions.

The announcer added that operations on the Albanian front yesterday were satisfactory in all areas. On the mountain ranges beyond Klisura, Greek forces are now consolidating their recent gains and are organising new positions in view of the extensive operations which may be expected when the weather improves.

Greek artillery is active in the northern sector but bad weather is hampering the Greek advance, while in the coastal area some headway has been made.

Day Free of Raids

ATHENS, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—A G.H.Q. communique states that there has been limited activity of patrols and artillery. An enemy tank attack has been repulsed.

Greece had another day free of raids, adds a Ministry of Public Security communique.

Dump Blown Up

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" special correspondent on the Albanian frontier states that Greek long-range guns near Pogradetz have blown up an Italian munition dump north-west of Lin, on the shores of Lake Ochrid.

Attacks Broken Up

ATHENS, Feb. 6 (UP).—The Government spokesman stated that the Greeks at Klisura, using anti-tank guns and machine-guns, broke up two attacks by tanks and heavily armed lorries, killing one Commander and destroying six tanks the drivers of which were captured.

A War Ministry communique states that there was limited patrol and artillery activity on the various fronts.

The Ministry of Public Security announced that enemy planes unsuccessfully bombed a sailing boat off the Epirus coast.

Mr Johnson's New Job Is A Reward

Diplomatic Changes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (UP).—In a statement to the press to-day, Mr. Stephen Early, the President's Secretary, said that the appointment of Mr. Nelson Johnson as Minister to Australia was a "technical demotion," but was actually a reward.

He pointed out that for many years Mr. Johnson has been living under difficult conditions in China, and has been forced to move each time the Chinese Government has moved, and has been confronted with a series of crises during the undeclared war between the Chinese and Japanese.

Mr. Early asserted that President Roosevelt wanted to reward Mr. Johnson by moving him to a place where he could return to a "quiet, peaceful life, and have his family with him."

He noted that Mr. Clarence Gauss, the present Minister to Australia, was given this post as a reward for his work as Consul-General in China during a period when Americans were threatened by hostile outbreaks in Shanghai.

Nomura In U.S.A.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Admiral Nomura, the new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, arrived here to-day. He told reporters that there were no questions between Japan and the United States that could not be settled amicably.



Army Of Coolies To Test Local Air Raid Shelters

The ventilating system of the air-raid tunnel shelters will be subjected to a test by Government within the next ten days when between 2,000 and 3,000 coolies will be accommodated in the shelter opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Queen's Road, and will remain there for three hours under actual air-raid conditions.

Ford Experiment May Speed Plane Output

Special to the "Telegraph"

DETROIT, Feb. 6 (UP).—The Henry Ford plant is experimenting with a revolutionary riveting process which may greatly speed up the production of war planes, by reducing time and labour by nearly 50 per cent.

Lend & Lease Amendments Defeated

Administration Success

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (UP).

The House by a vote of 109 to 78 rejected the amendment to the Lend and Lease Bill submitted by Rep. John Vorys to bar the transfer or sale of war materials unless the army or navy chiefs certify them as "not essential" to the defence of the United States.

The House also threw out the amendment offered by Rep. Melvin Mass to authorize the President to negotiate for the purchase of all British possessions in the Western Hemisphere. It was agreed the amendment was not germane to the Bill.

They also defeated by 208 to 145 amendment offered by Rep. Karl Mundt to limit the expenditure \$2,000,000 and restrict President Roosevelt's Administration of loans and gifts.

Trans-Canada Line Air Crash

WINNIPEG, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—All nine passengers and three of the crew were killed when a Trans-Canada Airlines plane crashed near Armstrong, Manitoba, to-day.

In London To-day

This has now become a typical scene in London, where women are more and more taking over jobs which in pre-war days were filled by the men. Here we see a woman bus conductor being initiated into her work under the tolerant eye of a male colleague.

FRENCH CRISIS NEARS CLIMAX

Darlan To Have Vital Meeting With Laval To-day

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Feb. 6 (UP).—Admiral Darlan left Vichy just before noon to-day and went to Paris carrying Marshal Petain's maximum offer to M. Laval, to reinstate him in the role of vice-premier, but under Admiral Darlan as Premier.

Admiral Darlan will dine with the German authorities in Paris to-night and will meet M. Laval to-morrow. The negotiations will thus remain open although there is still a wide divergence of views between Paris and Vichy.

The Admiral is expected to be back in Vichy on Friday night or Saturday morning to permit the Council of Ministers to meet on Saturday afternoon and make what will probably be the final decision.

As soon as the crisis is over, Marshal Petain will broadcast to the nation and explain M. Laval's return and the reasons for the drastic change in policy, which will very likely involve Marshal Petain's abandonment of a part of his authoritarian power as chief of the French Government.

Present Situation

As Admiral Darlan started on his second trip to Paris the situation was roughly this: M. Laval demanded a virtual political dictatorship with the rank of Premier and also the right to pick his own Cabinet and be responsible only to the National Assembly of his own making. Marshal Petain offers a compromise by abandoning his role as chief of the Government, but conferring it upon Admiral Darlan who, since M. Laval's dismissal, has been groomed for a higher position.

Admiral Darlan and M. Laval would share control of the home and foreign policies, but Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan appear to prefer that M. Laval take the home affairs and leave Admiral Darlan to direct foreign policy. That point appears to be the chief obstacle to an immediate solution of the present problem. For Wilhelmstrasse, Mr. Laval remains the "most eminent personality of Franco-German collaboration." To M. Laval himself, outside the question of personal prestige, there is the question of whether, after having brought collaboration this far, he is willing to step back and allow Darlan to carry it along.

LATEST

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Mr Philipps on S'hai Taxation Inequalities

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Feb. 7 (UP).—At a press conference to-day, Mr. G. Geoffrey Philipps, Secretary and Commissioner General of the Municipal Council said that "granting there had been inequalities in taxation" in the International Settlement, the Municipal Council had appointed a committee of experts to consider the present tax scales for tenants and owner occupiers.

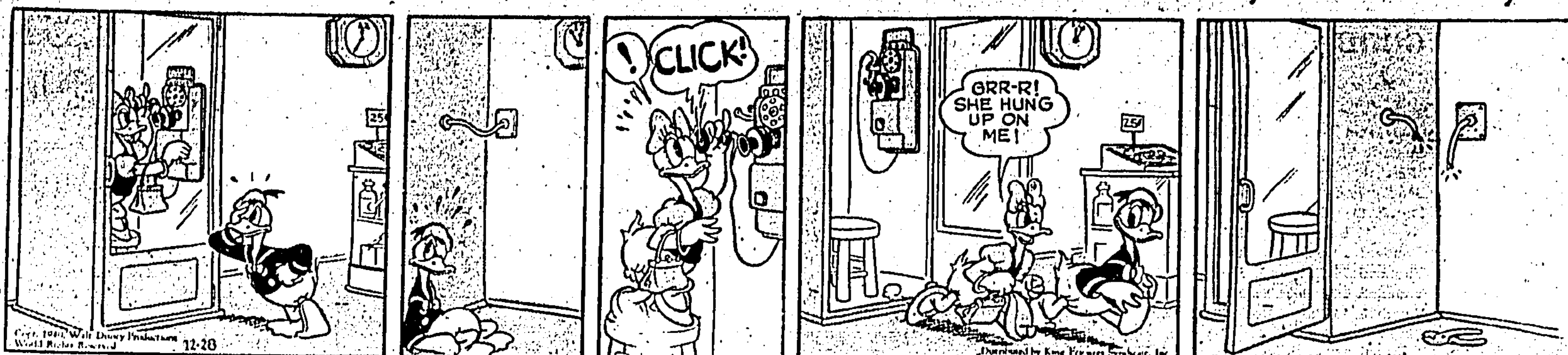
He added that the Council will be "delighted if the committee is able to devise something which will remove the grievances and put things on a more fair basis." He asserted that the Council does not oppose any new ideas and has been trying to find remedies.

Newspapermen pointed out that there were only 8,000 votes under the system of taxpayer voting, which Mr. Philipps said was correct. The newspapermen added that at yesterday's meeting, seven men were reported to have controlled 4,510 votes and nine others—their friends—800 more votes, totalling 5,310 votes—more votes than the rest of the Settlement taxpayers.

Mr. Philipps was asked why, in view of such a situation, the Council should hold a "ratepayers' meeting when they could simply meet with representatives of the vested interests and decide all the issues. To this question, Mr. Philipps replied: "I am not going to be drawn into a constitutional or political discussion."

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NEWS IN PICTURES



BUILDINGS are never what they appear to be when Mr. Lonsdale Hande has finished with them. Mr. Hande, once an industrial designer, is now Britain's No. 1 camouflage expert. He is seen experimenting with light and shade on a model factory.



M. PADEREWSKI, the famous pianist and former Polish President, with friends on his arrival in Spain. After being detained by Spanish police, he was released to continue his journey to the United States.

Apology To A Climate

When our gallant English weather
Keeps the bombing plane at bay,
Aren't you sorry altogether
For the things you used to say?
Fog we cursed with cough and weeping,
Ice we called "the plumber's mate,"
Dear old pals, who now are heaping
Coals of fire upon our pate.
Come each kindly gale, and hurry;
Let our climate play its part—
Merry fog, that clears our worry,
And the frost that warms the heart.
L. B. W.

WE SEE THE JOKE

by JOHN GORDON

A Londoner going home the other night found a bomb dropped by a German airman lying unexploded in his flat.

He promptly carried it out. A policeman found him staggering down the street with it in his arms—it was so heavy that he had dropped it once—and with that sense of the due dignity of things possessed by policemen of all nations, arrested him.

A bureaucratic minded magistrate, before whom he was brought, fined the man £100 for his bravery with the alternative that if he did not pay the fine he could go to prison for three months.

The man very properly refuses to pay the fine. And it is not likely that he will go to prison for the sentence has provoked a national outcry.

But whether he goes or not, he has at least given the world some idea of what Londoners think of bombs.

Now I do not want to under-estimate the air blitzkrieg. It has been a very horrible and terrifying experience. But it has been far from being unendurable and the way in which Londoners have beaten its terror by adjusting their lives to it, has been among the outstanding episodes of heroism in world history.

The first week of it was the worst of all. All the worst of the damage seemed to have been done in that week. The bombs tore very great gaps in famous streets of the City and the West End. They scared and scared the suburbs and the death roll was heavy, although only a tiny fraction of what we had prepared for.

Since that first week London has not had one night completely free from the bombers. Yet in that time a tremendous transformation has taken place. The raids no longer seem like the crack of doom, and the nightly casualty list in the London area has shrunk to a size that would really not put any serious pressure on the ordinary

casualty department of any one of our great hospitals. The lesson we have learned is this. If you take the elementary precaution of taking reasonable shelter, bombs do not harm you.

At first Londoners could not sleep. That is the greatest ordeal of a night air raid until you become used to it. Now most of them sleep the night through comfortably in shelters—many even in their beds—in spite of the noise of our guns, which is far more intense and a far more alarming sound than either the drone of a bomber or the whine of a falling bomb.

In the first days of air raiding, the whole population took shelter immediately the alarm sounded. Now in daylight women continue their shopping and men go on with their work unperturbed. Transport is running almost normally. The civil defence arrangements are so efficient that there has been no extensive failure of any public service.

Our food, our letters and our newspapers come to us just as they have always done. Husbands go to work as usual and come home again at night, if not always with the same comfort and ease, at least with nearly the same regularity.

All this must be a great blow to Hitler and Goering. They do not try now quite so hard as they used to. Their bombers still come regularly, but most days and nights the effort is not what it was. There is a perceptible slackening.

Why that should be so we have not yet decided, but we are rapidly coming to the opinion that there are probably two reasons for it:

(1) Hitler is giving us up as a hopeless job and turning his strength to the near East to retrieve his waning fortunes.

The Nazi Air Force has had such a hammering that it cannot stand the pace! There are indications that the second reason may prove to be the real one. One pretty sure sign is that the Nazis are now bringing Italians to help them.

The Nazis have been good airmen, courageous and pertinacious even in the worst

weather, but the Italians are very inferior. Against our Hurricanes and Spitfires they stand no earthly chance. Recently, 80 of them tried a very spectacular daylight dash on London and were simply shot out of the skies. They could not drop a single bomb on England. The Germans were never as bad as that. Obviously the Germans themselves do not rate the Italians very high and I fear the Italians will soon get tired of being used as practice targets for the R.A.F.

We shall miss them when they stop coming. They do no harm and they make an air raid quite an agreeable entertainment.

We are all hoping that one day we shall have among our visitors Count Ciano and Mussolini's two famous airman sons who bombed defenceless Abyssinians with such heroism. But perhaps they are content to rest on their Ethiopian laurels. Somehow we fear they will fight shy of crossing the Channel.

Altogether we are taking a very bright view of our position at the moment. Our air blows at Germany grow harder every day while Hitler's blows at us weaken. The new head of the Air Force, Air Marshal Portal—Portal of the Bombers—has certainly kicked up a dust in his short time as Supreme Commander.

The great raid on Munich, and the spoiling of Hitler's Beer cellar speech, has been our greatest joke since the war began. It made the whole nation roar with laughter, and when the British laugh in a war, they are far more dangerous than when they are grim. We have reached the laughing stage now after many anxious months.

Hitler promised his nation that the Battle of Britain would be over before the winter began. It was his one true prophecy. The Battle of Britain although not ended is practically over. But the end has not been quite what Hitler planned.

One thing concerning the bomb damage strikes every visitor to London. It is the way in which German airmen, obviously acting under orders, have made a dead set at churches, convents and Royal Palaces. So many of them have been hit that the Blitzkrieg has almost taken on the appearance of an anti-God crusade.

That of course no more wins a war than the slaughter of helpless little children and their mothers in suburban streets far from any military objectives. Actually it may be the deciding factor in the extent of the final punishment awaiting Hitler. For it has roused the temper of every Briton to a height that it can never before have reached in our history. There will be no forgiving and forgetting this time.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

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HONGKONG INDUSTRIES

HONGKONG has had a war on her doorstep for nearly four years and is now participating, financially and industrially, in another conflict thousands of miles away, upon the result of which depends the future of the Colony; yet, far from Hongkong displaying the "jitters", there is ample evidence to show that confidence in its future is greater than ever.

Principal illustration is the rapid development of industry; the Shamshui and Lai-chikok areas are now alive with Chinese factories, turning out in impressive quantity rubber footwear, torchlights and batteries, hardware, minerals and ores, piece goods and tobacco, to mention but a few. The result has been a considerable increase in export values during the past twelve months, the release of new capital in the Colony, the employment of thousands of additional skilled and semi-skilled workers, the demand for more property, and a consequent impress upon the current prosperity of the place.

It is a significant and encouraging sign; true, a good deal of this industrial development was the outcome of circumstances and not any conscious effort on the part of the Colony; Hongkong's purpose must be to seize this golden opportunity and to consolidate it. Everything possible should be done to stimulate the new trend. With an eye essentially for the future, industrial planning should become a policy. At the present factories are being built with little or no attention paid to the sites; they are suitable for immediate needs, but in many cases offer little scope for important development in the future.

The New Territories boast many open spaces served by road and rail; here might be established a centralised industrial area; around the factories could be built workers' houses. Hongkong could have its industrial centre, thriving and self-contained. The idea is partly visionary, but indications suggest the desirability of such a plan in the future, and the present appears to be opportune for



WHAT A QUESTION TO ASK

DOUGLAS REED says

- Hitler's diplomacy has failed;
- The R.A.F. is just getting into its swing; the Navy is master of the seas; the Army is improving daily;
- In Albania we have the chance of seizing a big success—quickly.

Why I KNOW We Will Win

I AM convinced we can win this war, and know a dozen good reasons why we cannot lose it.

But if I were a doctor, examining a superlatively healthy man, I should know a dozen good reasons why he should not die, and that still would not help if he walked in front of a motor-lorry.

In Germany, Hitler is creating a New Order for Europe, and Goering is creating a new order for Goering.

Goering's order is a new medal for German airmen, named after Roseheim, his own birthplace. He is its first recipient.

'New Order' Flops

He reminds me very much of Bruce Lockhart's diplomat, of whom it was said that if he got another decoration he would only have one place to put it and he would then be unable to sit down.

What of Hitler's New Order in Europe?

So far he has collected three very small tags to the tail of his German-Italian-Japanese kite—Rumania (where his troops are), Hungary (which hopes by this sycophancy to keep them out) and Slovakia, which has been in Hitler's possession for eighteen months, anyway.

But the really big or useful recruits, the ones Hitler wants—Russia, Spain, Bulgaria, Turkey—still stand aloof.

And that brings me to Albania, a word which at this moment should be written on all our leaders' hearts.

Not only the people of this country, who are very staunch in adversity, but, far more, those other wavering and threatened countries, need a British success.

In Albania the gods—the Greek gods—have sent us the chance of one.

its preparation. Hongkong is exporting its own manufactured commodities more and more; it is not impossible to envisage the time when the Colony's export trade in home-made goods vies with its entrepot business. Enterprise and intelligent planning at this stage may do much to bring this about.

If the Italians can be driven out of Albania into the sea, if their Dunkirk can be turned into a disaster—that is a decisive success in this war.

Smash The Italians

I do not know, as a layman, if there are insuperable objections to the landing of British troops. The danger of a swift German descent on them from the north, of another Dunkirk, is obvious, and the Italian attack on Greece may have been meant to tempt us to such a landing.

But I do know that if we can, from the air and from the sea, give the Greeks now just that extra ounce of punch they need to push the Italians into the sea—that is a major victory. The Italian morale, already heavily burdened by the memory of the headlong retreat at Caporetto in the last war, would suffer a mortal blow.

For the first time one of the two dictators would have been driven from territory cheaply taken in some spectacular Saturday-afternoon swoop!

Not only Mussolini's standing but also Hitler's would be seriously shaken, and all round the Mediterranean men would begin again to look up and look towards us.

Relief For Franco

In Bulgaria King Boris's hand would be strengthened in his lonely struggle to keep his country out of the war.

And in Syria? There French soldiers are already talking of de Gaulle's successes in Central Africa, are already listening eagerly to the news that his emissary, General Catroux, has arrived in the Middle East.

Catroux, who as a prisoner of war in Germany in 1916 was kept in a dark cell for three months, is a patriot in the grand French tradition, known throughout the French Empire.

These are the things we might achieve, if we are daring and alert.

The war on our shipping is certainly very serious, as serious as it was in April, 1917, when we were nearer to defeat than ever before; but we overcame it then, and we should be able to overcome it now.

In recent days I have had to watch an American film about the R.A.F., and an American film boasting that only American newspapers now tell their readers the truth, and I have

had to read the story of "The Battle for Britain" written by an American newspaperman who spent ten days here!

It is fantastic to think that historians of the future will find so little about this stupendous incident in our island story in our island press, that they may have to look up foreign newspapers to find the name of cities that were bombed, that the heroism of bomb-disposal squads, firemen, policemen, bus-drivers, and all that unknown legion, will be practically unknown to them.

Our greatest setback in this war, to date, has been in the Battle of Bloomsbury. It is a dreary story.

No Cause For Gloom

We have a good story to tell, and should tell it through the lips of our own people.

But, even in spite of that, when I stand back from the picture of the war and look at it, and look at the common people of this country, I should say that the gloom prophesies are very wrong when they say we are "virtually defeated."

Our magnificent Air Force is just getting into its swing; our Navy, hard pressed, is still master of the seas; our Army has vastly improved through long training; we need a success somewhere soon, and should be able to find one.

The war on our cities is certainly very serious, but nobody in this country thinks that it can beat us. More serious are the writings of American newspaper correspondents, some of them known personally to me as staunch and stalwart friends of this country.

They have been writing that our censorship "is ominously reminiscent of that which oppressed France before the French suddenly found the enemy marching under the Arc de Triomphe."

And the Americans, at that, suffer far less from the censorship than do the British people, who never had so little information before they acquired one of the most expensive ministries of all time, the Ministry of Information.

Our Other 'Army'

One day, I hope, and I hope soon, we shall begin to organise that "Army of Pre-Occupation," of saboteurs and disintegrators inside Hitler's conquered countries and inside Germany itself which enabled Hitler so quickly, and easily, to conquer Norway and Holland and other countries.

This is the army which can win us this war, and which our fighting services, our secret service and a real Ministry of Information should now be combining to form.

Our chances of winning this war are good, not bad. The use we make of those chances—well, it is up to our leaders, and a great chance offers unexpectedly in Albania.

ENGLISH IN SONG

★ Educating the Foreigner

In the far-off days when there was a country called Austria and in it a city called Salzburg where artists congregated for music and drama and the mutual refreshment of talk in the cafes, there was a Viennese singer whose ambition it was to sing English songs perfectly. "But," she said, "they tell me I can never master the English language unless I talk with a pipe in my mouth." Her new-found English acquaintance gallantly rubbed the stem of his pipe on his sleeve and offered it to her, but she was not quite ready to begin practice. Actually she spoke and sang English very well, but there was that roundness of the vowels, that crispness of the consonants, that difficulty in swallowing the weak final syllables in words like "straighten" and "able" which betokens the foreigner. Perhaps the pipe would have helped.

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To-day there are thousands of foreigners in the Empire, allies and friendly aliens who are burning to learn to talk English. We understand that the proper authorities are setting up the proper machinery. They are to be taught by word of mouth and by gramophone records. Soon they may all be speaking like B.B.C. announcers, but will they be talking as English people talk with or without pipes in their mouths? Probably not, and possibly the proper authorities would think it very improper if they did.

But let us leave pipes and come to singing. Their aim is the opposite of the Viennese lady's. She wanted command of the language chiefly that she might sing English songs. Surely singing English songs could help them to get some command of the language for their own purposes.

Consider how much the songs of Schubert, Brahms and others have done for the knowledge of the German language in British countries. No doubt there have been English singers whose singing of Lieder has been admired but who, when they got to Germany, found some difficulty in choosing the right kind of saucages or in explaining to a railway porter exactly what they wanted done with their *Handgepack*.

A knowledge of lyrical poetry will not give conversational ease in daily emergencies, but if the poetry is joined to a tune written to fit it, it will at least give some perception of the shape and accent of the language. Through singing, pronunciation becomes instinctive, and such knowledge as the singer gains is not merely literary. He learns the language in phrases not in words, and the musical phrases of a well-written song express the character of the verbal phrases. Take Purcell's line: "No never, never intending to visit them more."

It has been translated into German to fit the music as "Auch wenn hier nie wiederzeit, wiederzeit hier diesen Strand." The German, as is the fate of translations, lies all across the musical phrase, but the foreigner who has sung Purcell in English will at least know how to say emphatically that he does not intend to do something. Moreover, he will not in future tend to pronounce the words as "never" and "veeset."

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But teaching the language by song can only be done through good songs. There are too many songs written to English words where the tune is as contradictory of the flow of the words as is the Purcell tune of the German words imposed on it, perhaps more so. But good songs are not necessarily "classical" songs. Think of Chevallier's "If you die an old maid you've only got yourself to blame." The music-hall, when it is fuller of good specimens than the English concert platform.

English song from the sixteenth century to the twentieth, not forgetting the ageless folk-song, is a rich heritage of the English language set naturally to music which our concert platform singers have neglected miserably. Never mind the concert-hall repertoire. Go anywhere, where ordinary English people sing their songs in the way they speak their own language. Pick out a handful of them, put them on gramophone records if necessary, but above all get the foreigners to sing them as ordinary English people sing them, not as the international-minded singing teacher teaches them, and it will be odd if the singing foreigners do not get on terms with the language quicker than those who learn from textbooks.

Broken Ex-Premier Gives Self Up To Nazis To See Sick Wife

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—The Royal Netherlands Government announces that it has learnt to-day with a profound sense of indignation that, notwithstanding solemn assurances given to the contrary, Jonkheer Doctor D. J. de Geer, ex-Prime Minister of the Netherlands, has left Lisbon for the enemy-occupied part of the kingdom in Europe.

De Geer, who is 78, was Prime Minister from June, 1939 to September, 1940. He was head of the Government at the moment of the German invasion on May 10 last year and he had an important share in the responsibility for the unanimous decision of the Cabinet to leave the Hague for London with the Queen.

Invaders Lose Heavily In Honan Hostilities

CHUNGKING, Feb. 6 (Central News).—Heavy assaults were made against the Japanese falling back from Siping to Tulping on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in south Honan. Up till yesterday morning approximately 2,000 Japanese were killed.

The Japanese to the south-east of Wuyang, about 30 miles west of Siping on the Peiping-Hankow Railway were practically all cut off as a result of Chinese encircling attacks and those driving south-westward from Wuyang to Nanyang and Shechichien were hotly pursued and attacked.

Up to noon yesterday most of the Japanese retreating Shechichien had been annihilated and those invading Nanyang had suffered about 4,000 casualties.

A Japanese unit invading Tung-yip, a town between Nanyang and Tangho, has been surrounded while about half of the 2,000 Japanese

reaching Tangho have been forced to retreat eastward.

A thousand Japanese at Shanghai, about 25 miles north of Miyang west of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, are being engaged there.

In east Honan Chinese troops have recaptured Shihshieh, an important Japanese outpost, south-west of Poshien, and Sankuanmiao, south of Poshien. The Japanese lost 420 men and 200 rifles.

Fighting around Taiho in north-west Anhwei where the Japanese are attempting to push into Honan, has increased in severity. A Japanese unit moving south-west of Taiho was intercepted on Tuesday. Another unit pushing toward Chiehshou, a town on the Anhwei-Honan border, north-west of Taiho, is being subjected to heavy attacks.

Britain To Win Air War As Prelude To Victory

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—"Britain must win the air war as a prelude to victory," declared Air Commodore Goddard in a broadcast to-night.

He added that the recent lull meant that the German air force had been having difficulties. We had got through the winter pretty well. Over 480 enemy aircraft were destroyed in the last two months.

The ratio of British successes to losses in December and January was three to one. Forty enemy planes—most of them the much vaunted German "dive-bomber"—had been shot down near Malta in the last two months with only two British losses.

It was a grand beginning. Since June, R.A.F. squadrons in the Middle East had destroyed over 300 Italian aeroplanes in the air and probably as many on the ground.

Commons Interest In Shanghai

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Invited to make a statement "on the outbreak of rufianism in the International Settlement in Shanghai," Mr R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said: "While Mr Eden has some preliminary information on the attempt at arson at the Shanghai Race Club and the bombing of the Special District Court, he is not yet in a position to give a detailed official account of these incidents."

Soon after the resignation of de Geer from the Premiership in September last year, the Government decided to entrust him with a mission to the Netherlands East Indies which would have enabled him to join some members of his family living in that part of the kingdom.

De Geer left England in November last on the express condition that the official facilities granted to him were to serve exclusively for the purpose just mentioned and he himself gave a formal undertaking to that effect. Having learned with deep regret that the former Prime Minister has broken this solemn pledge by returning to occupied territory, the Royal Netherlands Government have the painful duty to make known that they consider de Geer's conduct a breach of loyalty and an act detrimental to the national interests. This unfortunate incident, concludes the announcement, can in no way be accepted as an indication of any change in the firm determination of the Royal Netherlands Government to continue the war against Germany on the side of her British ally until ultimate victory.

Wife Dangerously Ill

It is learned in Dutch circles in London that de Geer decided to go to Holland because he was anxious about his wife's health. It is reported here to-night that on arrival in Lisbon, de Geer learned that his wife who has been in Holland throughout the war, was dangerously ill.

A prominent Hollander in London said, De Geer has been feeling advancing age for long time and has been pining for his family. He has grown feeble and frail. In peacetime he was an admirable Prime Minister but he was not the man for such a vigorous task as prosecuting the war.

STOCK EXCHANGE Markets Close Steady

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, hesitant conditions prevailed at the outset and some marking down of prices occurred, but in the absence of any selling pressure, markets closed more steadily.

Industrials, especially tobaccos, were dominated by fears of taxation. Oils occasionally were a shade off. Knifery closed steady. Among foreign bonds, Japanese holdings further hardened. Brazilian and Belgian issues also improved. Wall Street was firm.

All Is Quiet On H.K. Border

Reports from the Sheung Shui to Shataukok border posted this morning revealed that the recent sorties by Japanese naval and land forces have been carried out with no effect on the land border position.

The Japanese have been in occupation of the Chinese half of Shataukok for months. No fresh activity has been discerned along the border.

Manoeuvres Not Visible

The result of the Japanese movements has been to pinch the routes covered by Chinese entering free China along the sea coast, several miles east of Shataukok and the manoeuvres are taking place beyond the hills at Shataukok and out of sight of that post.

It is likely that the busy traffic that has passed this post of recent months will cease. If the Japanese remain in possession of the points occupied, but it is recalled that they have previously entered the area, "mopped-up" and retired leaving the Chinese to return and live there.

No influx of refugees is reported.

Japanese Claims

CANTON, Feb. 7 (Domei).—The Japanese claims actions in southern Kwangtung have already yielded tangible results following occupation of Tamshui in Blas Bay and Shanyuchung in Misa Bay.

The booty which has so far been taken by the Japanese includes 7,200 drums of gasoline, 1,300 drums of

petroleum, 3,000 drums of train-oil, 900 drums of mobile-oil, 1,500 tons of wood oil, 1,500 motor-car tyres, 800 tons of salt, two tons of tungsten, 2,000 kan of antimony, 5,000,000 cigarettes, 300 tons of cotton cloth, 10,200 pairs of canvas shoes, 10,200 pairs of rubber boots, 1,000 cases of tea, 1,000 kilograms of gun-powder, 15,000 pieces of timber and many quantities of arms, ammunition, clothing, provisions and transport materials.

On K-C Railway

CHUNGKING, Feb. 6 (Central News).—A Japanese column pushing northward from Shumchun to Pingwu on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway has been deflected eastward following Chinese interception, according to a military report.

Pingwu Recaptured

SHIUKWAN, Feb. 7 (I.N.A.).—It is reported that Chinese troops have recaptured Pingwu on the Canton-Kowloon Railway driving the Japanese back to Leeling in the south.

Thousands of drums of kerosene and petrol were burnt by the Japanese as they could not be carried away.

Tung oil and tungsten consigned to the United States were seized by the troops. The area is greatly in demand in Japan for the manufacture of heavy armaments.

Takong Attacked

YUNGWUAN, Feb. 7 (I.N.A.).—Japanese troops north of Canton attacked Takong and Sunkai on February 3, while other units landed at Sankong on the West River delta. In all these attacks, the enemy was repulsed.

Thousands Of Americans Now Serving In Britain

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Thousands of Americans have come here in Canadian uniform, declared Mr Robert Hutchison, President of the American Eagle Club, speaking at an American Chamber of Commerce luncheon in London to-day.

He thought that there were 7,000 or 8,000 Americans in service in Britain.

Mr Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, speaking at the same luncheon, said: "I feel that I may look forward with confidence to the day when I shall know of the speed and scale of American shipping assistance."

Mr Cross recalled that recently he told American journalists that he had cast a covetous eye on the enemy ships tied up in the ports of America. He added, "The song and dance which then emanated from Berlin had for me high entertainment value because of its bogus qualities. I know, however, now that the ships are still there and that I still have an eye, and that I am still capable of that little spiritual delinquency to which I have already confessed."

Safe Cities For Children

Portuguese Initiative LISBON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—A project for the centralising in Portugal of international efforts to protect children from the consequences of aerial warfare, is to be made officially by the Portuguese Government to all belligerent Powers.

A plan was unofficially put forward recently in the newspaper, "Diario de Noticias" urging the establishment of "safety cities" in all countries at war where children would be guaranteed freedom from bombardment.

"Let us centralise in Portugal and co-ordinate the magnificent work of International Red Cross units," wrote the newspaper. "This generation representing the Europe of to-morrow cannot be held responsible for the bloody conflict now proceeding in Europe. It is a question of saving from the dread and fear and inevitable physical debility of thousands of children—English, German, French, Italian, Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian and Greek without distinction."

Young Germans Moved

MADRID, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Progress in the evacuation of Berlin children to destinations east and south of the capital is referred to by the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper, "A.B.C."

He says that it is hoped that the evacuation will be completed by February 20.

The same correspondent quotes reports that the Pope will send a message to Berlin and London, expressing a desire for more humane aerial warfare.

Australian Cabinet Consultation

MELBOURNE, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—In a joint statement after a meeting of the War Council to-day, the Acting Prime Minister, Mr A. W. Piddington, and the Labour Leader, Mr J. A. Curtin, declared: "There is no doubt of the seriousness of the international situation as it affects Australia."

The Council discussed developments in the East and called into conference Vice-Admiral Colvin and Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett, Chief of the Australian Air Force.

"The War Council realises the necessity for taking all possible steps and calls on each individual for his maximum effort."

Willkie On Inaugural Flight

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (Reuter).

The Dixie Clipper with Mr Wendell Willkie aboard has alighted at Bolama, West Africa, announced Pan-American Airways.

The machine is inaugurating a new homeward course for American clipper ships from Europe. This is the first time that an American commercial aircraft has visited an African port and the first time that any part of Africa has been linked with the United States by air.

Eire Fears Bombing Evacuation Plans

DUBLIN, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—The Government of Eire is arranging for the voluntary evacuation of children from Dublin city and Kingstown Borough in the event of a situation arising which would render such a course advisable.

The scheme covers families whose incomes do not exceed £300 a year, but all persons who intend to evacuate, whether they come within the government scheme or not, have to register.

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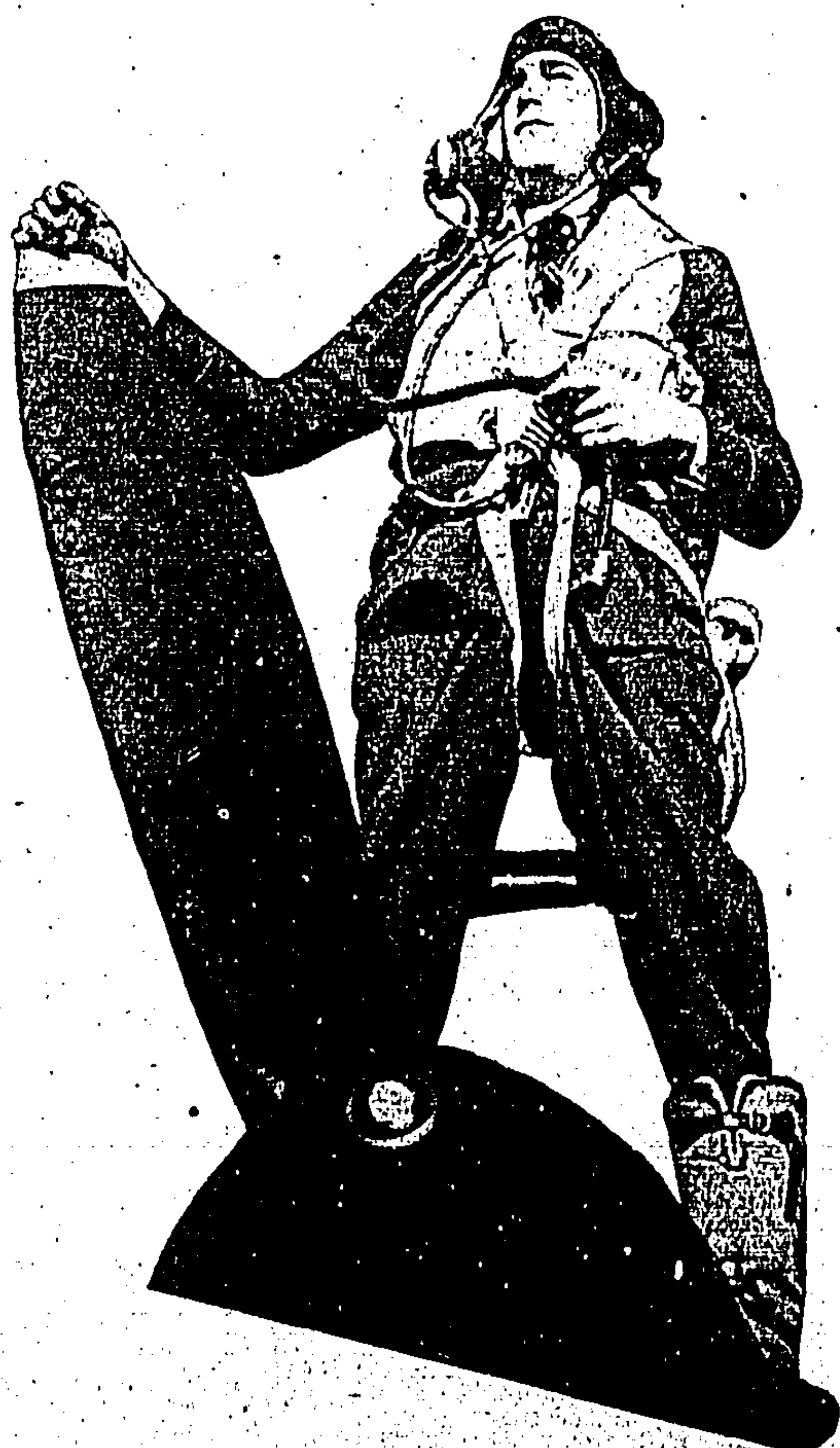
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Ponies Practise With Full Racing Colours

Star Gallop Of Week-End Endeavour Favoured To Win Rooty Hill Derby

IT WAS EXTREMELY cold last Saturday and Sunday, but there were a few "hot" gallops which could raise the Happy Valley babies from their humble sleep. Just how good the new lot of Australian subscription ponies is in comparison with last year's batch is a matter for conjecture. It should be borne in mind that one must see much faster training times in view of the reduction of the avoirdupois in the weight for inches as per scale.

However, the star gallop of the week-end was the wonderful performance of an Australian subscription griffin, Endeavour, (Mr. Wei up) by Don Salatis out of The Belle over the Derby course. The chestnut covered the circuit in 3.01½, romping home in 27½ seconds for the last quarter. With Mr. Wei aboard, there could not have been any erratic timing and the six quarters were "chinged" in 34½, 30½, 20½, 30, 20½ and 27½ seconds for the home stretch.

It was a rather extraordinary achievement in view of the fact that he beat his stable companion, Iron Belle (a Derby griffin costing the owner \$1,750), by a distance. Had Endeavour been accompanied by a faster chaperon who could keep up the pace, he would have eclipsed Viceroy's gallop of 2.59 performed about the same time last year.

Impression Confirmed

THE gallop confirmed what I wrote on January 24 that Endeavour impressed me as a stayer. A most interesting feature of the gallop was that the pony seemed to enjoy the jaunt and he is, of course, now made a hot favourite for the Rooty Hill Derby. Selling Lotteries will be held this evening at the Sports Club and there is no doubt that he will fetch a good price.

Middle Distance Runs

OF the middle-distance performances, A Surprising Time, by The Joker, surprised me when she galloped the champion course of 1¼ miles in 2.28½ with a last quarter of 20½ seconds, but it was a pity that she did not have some pep at the finish. There is plenty room for improvement.

The run of Never-Never (Mr. Needa) and Corridor (Russian boy) over 1¼ miles was clocked in 2.32½ and a note should be kept that the former won by many lengths. I expected that Never-Never would have put up a better finish than 29 seconds for the home run, but the mare disappointed a host of rail birds.

Vitamin M, with the champion jockey up, was given a sharp spin over the mile and it took 1.58½ for the circle, finishing the last quarter in 27½ seconds. The last half mile was run in 55½ seconds, and that was some going.

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Fewer Bad Starts At Annual Meeting Likely

WATCHING THE BARRIER practices of the China and Australian subscription griffins of this season in preparation for the Annual Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, to be held at Happy Valley in a fortnight's time, has refreshed my memory.

I REMEMBER WRITING about a year ago in my racing notes that despite all gate practices, griffins in their maiden outings at the annual big meeting were generally overawed at the starting post by the variegation of racing colours and the presence of large crowds, with the result that it was not unusual to see some good 'uns being badly off or left.

Now the writer is glad that this important matter has had the consideration of a majority of owners, for lately there has been quite a good number of ponies practising at the starting gate with full racing colours.

Space does not permit me to enumerate a list of those hot favourites that were badly left in their maiden outings, and furthermore it will certainly serve no purpose.

Better Starts Certain

Judging from the gate practices which I have seen in the early morn-

ings, there is good and sound reason to predict that the chances of a "poor start" or a "badly off" will be greatly reduced at the coming Annual Carnival.

Shying is undoubtedly a very dangerous vice for a horse to indulge in. A horse will very often shy suddenly at something, which he has not seen before, owing to defective vision or natural nervousness and therefore the best remedy is to get it familiar with colours.

It will, of course, pay all owners to follow this lead, which will not cost them a cent, I am sure that there will be fewer means about having bad starts.

INTEREST IN DERBY WANING

Cire Stable Should Sweep The Board

THE HONGKONG DERBY, which was at one time the most exclusive classic event for China pony griffins, does not seem to attract much interest save that everybody knows that the Shanghai challenger has the best string.

I still maintain that Lovelight will be Mr. Noodt's mount and that Mr. Moller is going to sweep the board with the griffin events.

A few gallops, which came under my observation, might be of interest to punters. I saw Eve of Grandeur the other morning covering 1¼ miles in 2.43 flat, finishing in 31½ seconds and the last mile was run in 2.08 which was not too bad for a China moke.

Oolong went over the same course in 2.47½ with 30½ for the home stretch, but the last mile was completed in 2.12½. These two griffins should be considered for minor placings.

Charlesber owned by Mr. Bradbury is, in my opinion, the only sound contender in his stable; the rest are dotty.

Late arrivals such as Forty Six, Iron Beauty, Mirvelous Scheme, Night Express, Quick Step, Racoon, Tiger, Sam's Choice, Sand Trap, Sea Foam, Standard Express, Wonderful Scheme and World Fair View may be "ready" for racing at the Easter Meeting.

Starting Times At Fanling

The following are the starting times for Fanling on Sunday:

Old Course	
9.10	R. B. Hall, F. D. Hunter.
9.20	A. K. Mackenzie, D. S. Robb.
9.30	G. J. Groves, H. Rose.
9.40	W. Park, J. C. Kyle.
9.50	S. H. Dowdell, H. Gear.
10.00	H. Young, L. W. Shawan.
10.10	H. W. Beasley, J. W. Anderson.
10.20	N. D. Lloyd, S. L. Lloyd.
10.30	H. P. Phillips, G. C. Perry.
10.40	E. & T. A. Pearce.
10.50	H. D. Walker, A. W. Bourne.
11.00	D. Burgess, J. Ritchie.
11.10	A. Redmond, T. Megarry.
11.20	J. D. Thomson, W. Stoker.
11.30	J. W. Thomson, R. G. Parker.
11.40	A. J. Dennis, E. G. Price.
11.50	C. M. Williams, F. A. Howard.
12.00	H. G. Baldwin, P. M. Cotton.
12.10	F. N. Merritt, L. R. Cramer.
12.20	H. K. M. Simpson, R. H. Challinor.
12.30	H. A. Morris, L. A. Mackay.
12.40	N. C. McLeod, A. V. Greaves.
12.50	T. C. Hight, A. C. Meredith.
1.00	J. A. B. Morrison, L. A. Mackay.
1.10	W. Sharp, T. Low.
1.20	J. Linaker, Col. Matthews.
1.30	Col. Macpherson, Capt. Forrester.

New Course	
9.24	W. H. E. Thomas, J. C. Taylor.
9.34	L. M. S. Lloyd, D. C. Loneran.
9.44	G. J. Groves, G. A. Atkinson.
9.54	R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
10.04	J. L. C. Pearce, Capt. St. John.
10.14	F. A. M. Elliott, Capt. St. John.
10.24	Miss Smalley, Miss Armstrong.
10.34	E. L. Groom, J. R. Way.
10.44	F. Robinson, L. A. Calcraft.
10.54	Col. Shackleton, Major Curran.

Kowloon C.C. Teams For Week

The following teams to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in cricket matches during the week-end have been selected.

First XI at home to the University at 2 p.m. on Saturday: E. C. Fincher (capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, D. Hung, A. Zimmermann, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge, N. A. Mackay, R. Leigh, F. Crabbe and F. R. Zimmerman.

Second XI away to H.K.C.C. at 2 p.m. on Saturday: S. A. Gray (capt.), K. M. Baxter, E. Curtis, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenlon, F. Goodwin, G. E. Taylor, H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch and J. R. Luke. Away to the Royal Engineers at Sookunpoo on Sunday, starting at 11 a.m.: S. A. Gray (capt.), E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, W. L. Rapley, H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch, R. J. Fenlon, R. Leigh, N. A. Mackay, A. E. Perry and A. Zimmermann. Twelfth man, D. J. N. Anderson; umpire, Major W. W. Parsons; scorer, J. W. Bertram.

Austral Derby An Open Event, Experts Agree

THE AUSTRAL DERBY confined to a special class of griffins imported by the Jockey Club seems to be very open and this opinion has also been expressed by many competent judges of horse-flesh.

It will be recalled that Mr. Eu Tong-sen paid the highest price, namely, \$8,100 for a brown mare, Gloaming, which has not shown the true value of a progeny by Dignus out of Lady Mecca. Last Sunday the mare was given a test over the Derby course and Mr. Eu's candidate was accompanied by two animals in the hot and rose Jane. She went round the circuit in 3.08 with 31 seconds for the last stanza. That was surely not a grand show. It is, however, rumored, that Gloaming will be kept over for next year. It appears to me that Fleetwing is a better animal than Gay Fox.

Of the Views, Distant View (which cost \$8,000) by Farr will no doubt be Mr. Li Lan-sang's challenger for the Blue Riband, but there is nothing special in the bay that can put him in the front rank.

Not Yet At Best

STARLIGHT (bought by Mr. Moller for \$5,500) has not as yet shown his propelling power, but I certainly like the animal which is a descendant of Caravel by Clevero (son of Cyclone). It has the making of a fine galloper and a Derby candidate. As Mr. Noodt is now in the Colony, I expect the bay will be fully extended to-morrow.

King's Welcome belongs to the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, who owns the Dynasty stable. The chairman of the Club has also an interest in Marsh Warbler on joint account with Mr. H. R. Sturt. Of the two youngsters, I prefer the half-share pony, though the trial test of King's Welcome (3.05½) over 1½ miles proved to the contrary. Marsh Warbler (3.09) has a better action than King's Welcome for a distance run and I sincerely hope to confirm this in a fortnight's time.

Of Mr. S. W. Lee's outfit, I am of the opinion that Vis Major by Mr. Clever is the cream of the string with Nominee Poenne as the second best. Mr. Li Po-chun has three candidates, but he has only nominated A Happy Time for the Austral Derby and the other two are to come under the category of "N.B.G."

Canberra, First Love, Hascossay, National Courage, The Nineteenth Hole and Tropical Love are, in my estimation, good middle distance runners.

A Happy Time, Coloomba, Green Diamond and Iron Belle are the property of Colugo. It looks to me that Coloomba is the best of the lot.

Taking everything in the balance, my best six for the Rooty Hill Derby are Distant View, Fleetwing, Marsh Warbler, Starlight, National Courage and Vis Major.

SOFTBALL TEAM

The following will represent Cyclone Softball team in their League match against Hongkong Baseball Club on Sunday, at Kowloon Football Club at 3 p.m.: A. R. Harack (Capt.), A. H. Abbas, A. Abbas, M. D. Hassan, A. R. Markey, A. K. Markey, A. A. Humiani, K. K. Humiani, K. Silva-Nello, F. F. Silva-Nello, A. Daker, B. Dux and A. M. Omar.

Northern "Crack" Riders Invited To Participate

A LITTLE NEWS about the jockeys will, I am sure, not be out of place at this time.



Mr. R. B. Moller
he will not ride.

R. B. MOLLER, the crack jockey of Mr. Eric Moller's family, will not be seen on the account of the new scale of weights which he cannot draw, but Mr. F. Noodt will be riding the Ciro's stable with Mr. C. D. Moller as the second string jockey. As a matter of fact the latter two are already here.

SO is M. M. Sokoloff, who will be piloting Mr. S. W. Lee's string of lovely animals. This veteran jockey was here in 1931 in the interest of Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar, and rode Thana to victory in the Black Rock Stakes, Elliot Bay in the Consolation Stakes and Glenageary in the "All Out" Stakes.

NOODT is well known in racing circles. His last visit was in 1932 for Mr. A. M. L. Soares, piloting Flying Tourist to victory in the Trial Plate, Doctor's Marechal (owned by Messrs Lewis and Tinson) in the American Club Cup and Manna in the Randwick Plate.

D. G. WOO, who arrived last week from the north, is a new comer and it is learned that he will be riding the stable named L.C.L., owning Hawaiian Love, First Love and Tropical Love. He will also ride for other owners.

PETER WEI may not be looking after the "Times" ponies as the owner, Mr. Li Po-chun, has invited his usual jockey, Mr. J. Pote-Hunt, to come down. However, I understand that the Shanghai rider cannot make the trip.

V. V. NEEDA will be up on Mr. T. K. Li's string while Mr. W. G. Poy will look after Mr. Eu Tong-sen's outfit.

THE champion jockey will have his hands full with the Dynasty lot, the Hongkong Bank talpan's ponies and the Australian subscription pony, Vitamin M, belonging to S.S., and it looks as if Mr. Donald Black is going to have a good meeting.

JAPAN WINTER GAMES

Sapporo, Hokkaido, Feb. 5. Despite a rising temperature which made conditions far from ideal, the first day's contests in the winter sports meet of the 11th National Athletic Meet were successfully held here today, ending in Hokkaido teams annexing four championships.—Domet.

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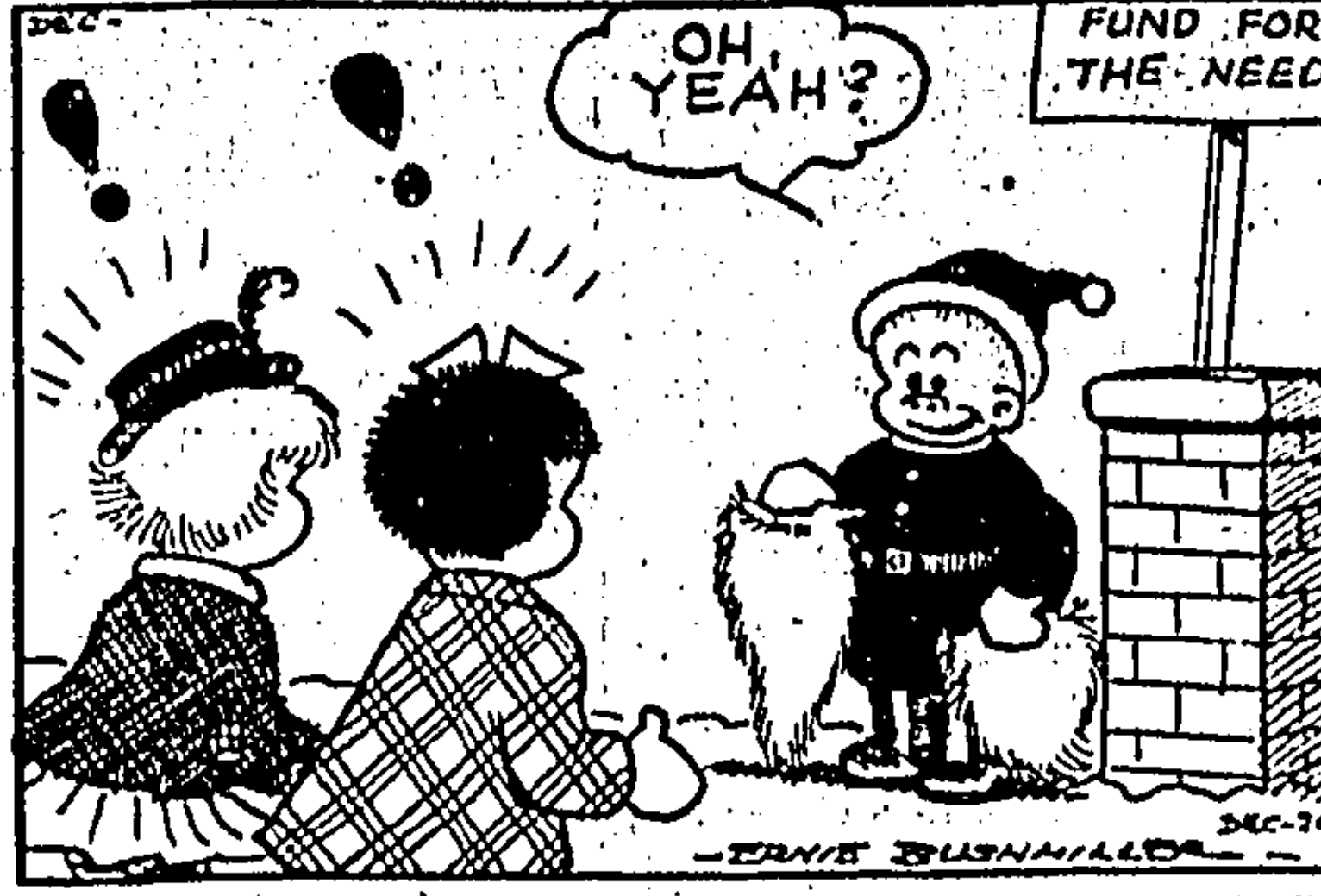
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LINDBERGH OVERAWED BY GERMANY'S AIR STRENGTH

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (UP).—Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day, Colonel Charles Lindbergh amplified his earlier thesis opposing the Lend and Lease Bill by saying: "Personally I do not believe England is in a position to win the war."

He urged the United States not to attempt to assist England through the establishment of a bridgehead on the British Isles against Germany because the overseas supply lines are vulnerable to enemy torpedoes and it would mean that the "American neck would be stretched clear across the Atlantic ocean."

The United States also possesses "another island bridgehead in the Philippines; hence, to follow the policy outlined in this Bill we must maintain and protect supply lines stretching two thirds of the way around the earth terminating in

positions exposed to the attack of the most powerful nations of Europe and Asia."

Wants Negotiated Peace

The Colonel told the Committee he did not believe the United States was to-day in any danger of invasion, although it might be if England falls. He urged a negotiated peace, although he stressed a desire for a British victory as the outcome of the latter.

He asserted that his study of European aviation convinced him that Germany is the natural air power of Europe, just as England is the natural sea power.

He said that the majority of American war planes are now

"obsolete" according to the standards of modern warfare.

The danger to the United States is not from abroad, but from "placing our security in the success of foreign armies and the removal of power from the representatives of the people in our own land."

"It makes a great difference to us who wins the war in Europe, but I do not believe it is either possible or desirable for us in America to control the outcome of European wars."

Any American effort to maintain bridgeheads in England and the Philippines is an "audacious undertaking." The United States is not prepared for war or an attempt to hold control of the present war.

H.K. Chinese Interest In Model Village

Plans for building a model village to be administered on democratic lines at Chiao-shan (Jay Mountain), about four miles north of Liuchow, important Kwangsi city on the Liu River, have been drawn up by a group of prominent Kwangsi residents in Hongkong, says "Central News."

The proposed village will measure from 2,000 to 3,000 shih mow and the number of households has been tentatively fixed at between 50 to 100, eight persons each, totalling about 1,000 persons.

Administration of the village will be in the form of self-government. There will be a Village Assembly which will decide on important affairs and a Village Guild will be the chief executive body.

There will also be a police bureau, a school, a hospital, a library and other institutions which look after public welfare. Public works and utilities such as highways, bridges, sewage systems, power and water plants, telephone and other communication facilities will be promoted and co-operative societies will be set up.

Only law-abiding Chinese will be

allowed to settle in the village. Investors of H.K.\$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 will be allotted 50, 30, 25, 20, and 15 mow of land respectively and each will be provided with a house.

An office in charge of the founding of the new village has been set up in Hongkong with Mr Chang Chao-tang, manager of the Bank of Kwangsi, Hongkong Branch, as director. Sponsors of the proposed village include Messrs Chang Chao-tang, Chang Jen-min, Wang Shun-chih and Fang Chen-wu.

Communism Fear In Japan

Question Put To War Minister

TOKYO, Feb. 6 (Domei).—The House of Representatives' Budget Committee to-day unanimously passed the supplementary extraordinary military budget to finance the China campaign for the year beginning April, amounting to ¥4,880,000,000.

Mr Junya Koizumi asked the Army's views regarding the thought problem. He asked whether the Army is satisfied with the present personnel and principles of the National Service Association, charging that the Association's structure considerably resembles the Soviet style.

Aims of The N.S.A.

The War Minister, Lieut-Gen. Hideki Tojo, said that the entire Army is devoted to the prosecution of the Imperial Rescripts and that the Army is supporting the National Service Association because its announced aims are to conform to the spirit of the Imperial Rescripts. The War Minister pointed out that the Association's aims as set forth by the Premier, Prince Konoye, consist in strengthening the highly efficient national defence structure and enabling all the people to unite as one in performing their duties.

While admitting that the Army depends upon the people for its support, the War Minister urged the necessity of enhancing popular morale to cope with the grave situation and the prolonged Continental campaign. Voicing the Army's concern over the ideological trend of the people, the War Minister declared that the Government would certainly not tolerate any persons espousing Communism or other ideas or acts detrimental to the State.

Straits Chinese Want New H.K. Law Relaxed

Relaxation of recently-introduced regulations governing the return of Chinese to Hongkong or through that Colony to China from Malaya was the object of conversations which the Chinese Consul-General, Mr Kao Ling-pai, had recently with the authorities in Singapore.

The need of furnishing satisfactory references or providing security for those who are not bona fide merchants or persons of sound financial standing seems to be a source of worry of the majority of those who travel from Singapore to Hongkong.

In the past, such persons and bona fide merchants and persons of sound financial standing alike could freely gain entry into Hongkong.

Great Importance

The new arrangements are, of course, of vital concern to the Chinese in Malaya, quite a large number of whom return to Hongkong either to stay in that Colony or en route to the Chinese mainland.

The matter assumes even greater importance when it is remembered that Hongkong is the only place through which Chinese returning to China could pass, now that the ports on the China coast are blockaded.

SOUTH EXPANSION SCHEME Repeated in Diet Committee

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 6 (Domei).—Japan's economic "life-line" lies to the South, Mr Naoki Hoshino, Governor of the Board of National Planning, told the Lower House Committee this morning expounding the objective of the new national economic structure.

Mr Hoshino held that the proposed co-prosperity sphere embracing Japan, China and Manchoukuo could not succeed unless "the eastern portion of the South Seas" was included.

Pointing out that world Powers are entering into a new period of isolationism through the development of bloc economy, Mr Hoshino asserted that establishment of a common economic system through Japan, China and Manchoukuo was "essential to the maintenance of our national prestige."

He declared that this bloc could not operate without the inclusion of Eastern South Seas in it and deplored that some countries "do not understand what creation of a co-prosperity sphere signifies."

Asserting that appropriate measures would be taken against these countries in order to achieve the creation of this sphere, Mr Hoshino declined to elaborate this saying that he was "not at liberty to state here as it is closely related with diplomacy, military and other matters."

C.N.A.C. Planes Back In Hongkong

The big Douglas DC3 air liner which suffered minor damage when it made a forced landing in the interior recently was flown back to Hongkong successfully yesterday.

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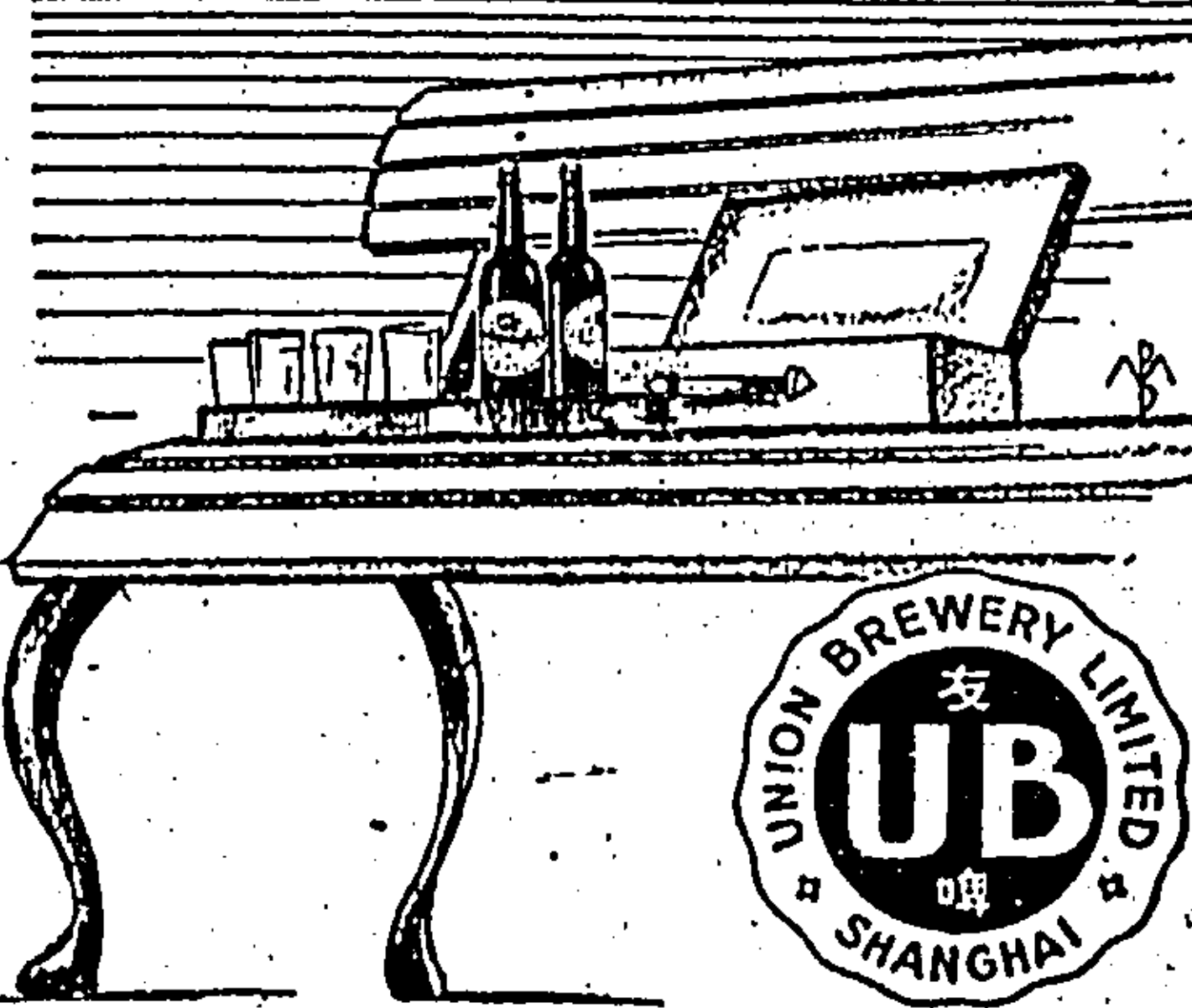


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Nords Sent To Germany

Royal Property Seized

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Latest news from Norway is to the effect that 100 Norwegian political prisoners are being sent to Germany. Included amongst these is a famous actor, whose only fault was to propose the toast of the Royal Family at a dinner where all the guests, including high German military officers, honoured the toast.

The German authorities have also authorised the confiscation of all property owned by Crown Prince Olaf and his Princess.

Sentenced To Death

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Norwegians have been sentenced to death by the German military tribunal at Bergen, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London.

They were charged with transmitting information about the German armed forces on a secret wireless set.

Army Of Coolies To Test Shelters

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by the exhibition, which demonstrates the proper method by which a room in a house may be blacked-out.

A private showing of this exhibition will be given before the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, in the grounds of Government House on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m.

Mr. Puckle stressed the need for more telephonists who can speak both English and Chinese. Volunteers of any nationality who can speak both languages are asked to send in their names to A. R. P. Headquarters, where they will be given a short course of instruction.

An inter-district competition for the Himmels Trophy will be held at Shamshuipo on Sunday, February 16, at 2.30 p.m.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says:

Following the slight selling pressure during the week, enquiries were in evidence to-day from bargain hunters.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$70
Canton Ins. \$210
H.K. Fire Ins. \$165
Providents \$5.50
Lights "O" \$8

Sellers

Hotels \$3.60
Lands \$34.50
Trams \$18.25
Lights "O" \$0.20
Watsons \$11.10

Sales

H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 92½
H.K. Fire Ins. \$167.50
Providents \$5.50
Lands \$34.25
Trams \$17.00
Lights "O" \$0.10
Electricity "O" \$40.35
Electricity "N" \$30.75
Ropes \$8.00
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LATE NEWS

HAYASHI UNDER BOND

Awaits Trial

SHANGHAI, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Hayashi, 70-year-old President of the Japanese Ratepayers' Association, who has been held under investigation by the Japanese Consular Police for the alleged wounding of Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and two Japanese officials at the ratepayers' meeting on January 23, was released to-night under bond.

Hayashi will be confined to his home until his departure for Nagasaki in the near future where he will be brought to trial on a charge of attempted murder.

Playwright's Attempted Suicide Alleged

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7 (I.N.A.).—Professor Hung I-shih, the well known Chinese playwright, attempted to commit suicide by taking poison. His wife and daughter also took the poison, but all three of them were saved. Hung is, however, in serious condition.

Poverty is said to be the cause of the attempted suicide of the Hung family. Author of several screen plays in Shanghai, Hung is doing some propaganda work through the drama.

Indians Excel In Eritrea

Familiar War Terrain

NEW DELHI, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Details of the fine work of Indian troops in Eritrea now available here show that Punjab, Garhwal, Baluch and Frontier Force regiments fought throughout in the battle resulting in the occupation of Barentu.

The occupation followed a five-day battle fought by an Indian brigade through a narrow gorge and a ten-day battle fought along the Alcoign-Barentu road by another brigade. With their experience of mountain warfare, the Indian troops excelled themselves in the difficult country around Barentu resembling the North-West Frontier, forcing the enemy to retreat from their mountain positions at the point of the bayonet and repulsing numerically superior attacks.

Indian troops are among those now advancing from Agordat to Keren.

"Cease Whispering" Demonstration

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Feb. 6 (UP).—Five hundred students marched through the main streets of Rome to-day demonstrating against the whispering campaign in connection with the war. They carried Italian and German flags and posters inscribed: "Cease whispering. Aid victory." They sang Fascist songs.

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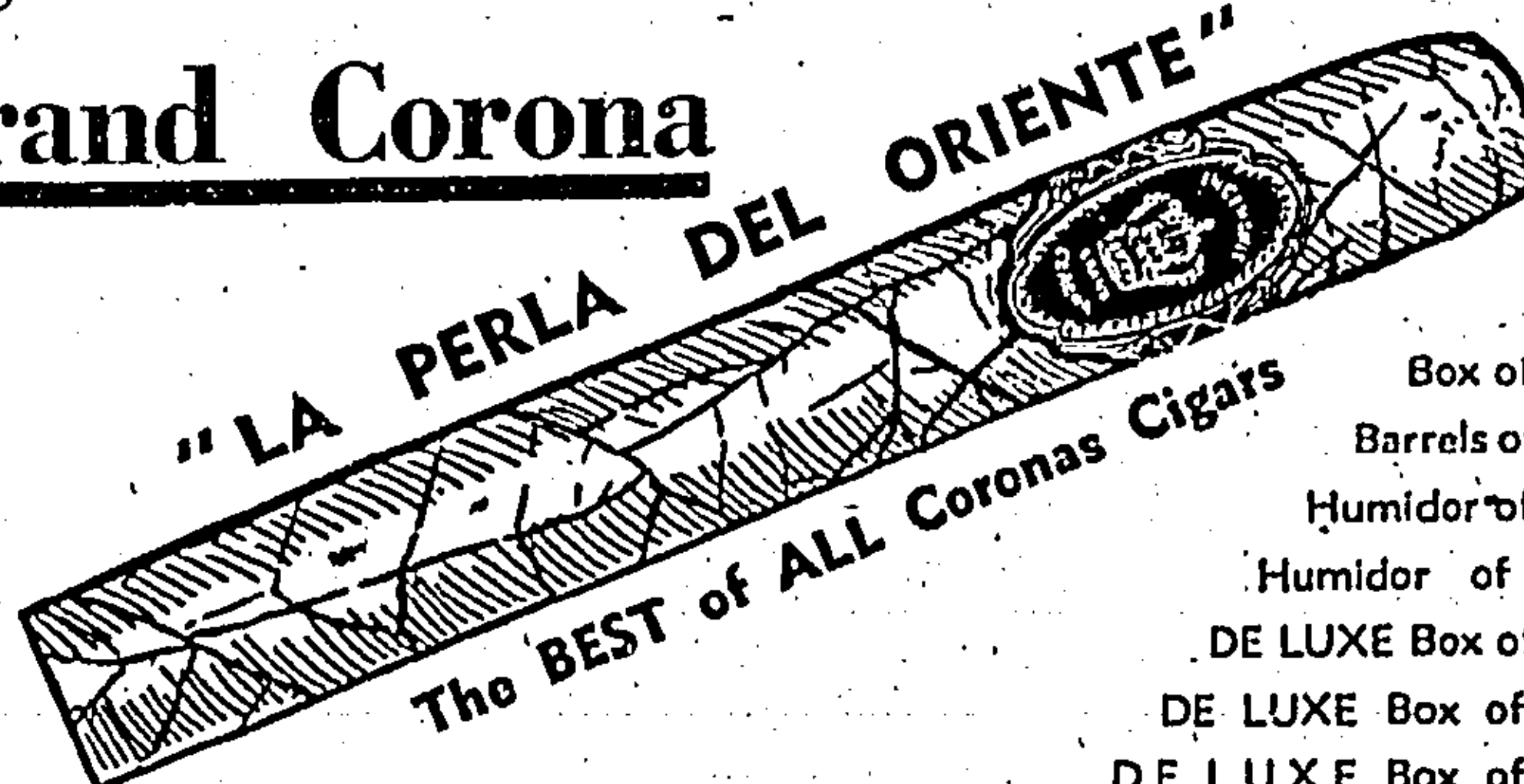
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